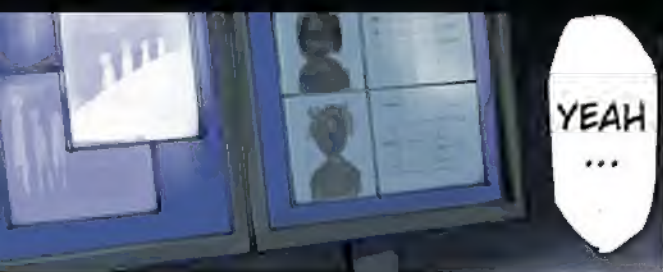


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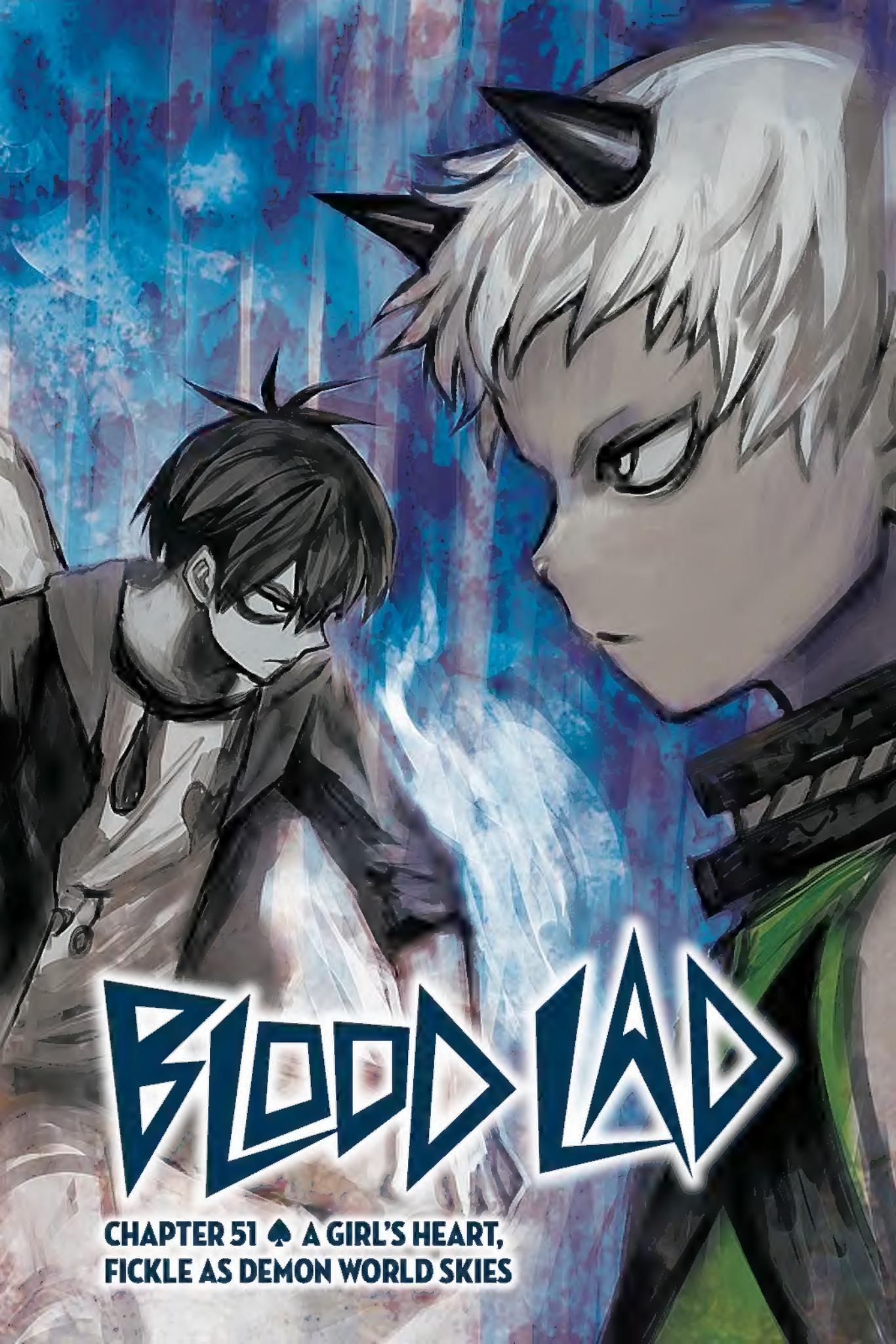




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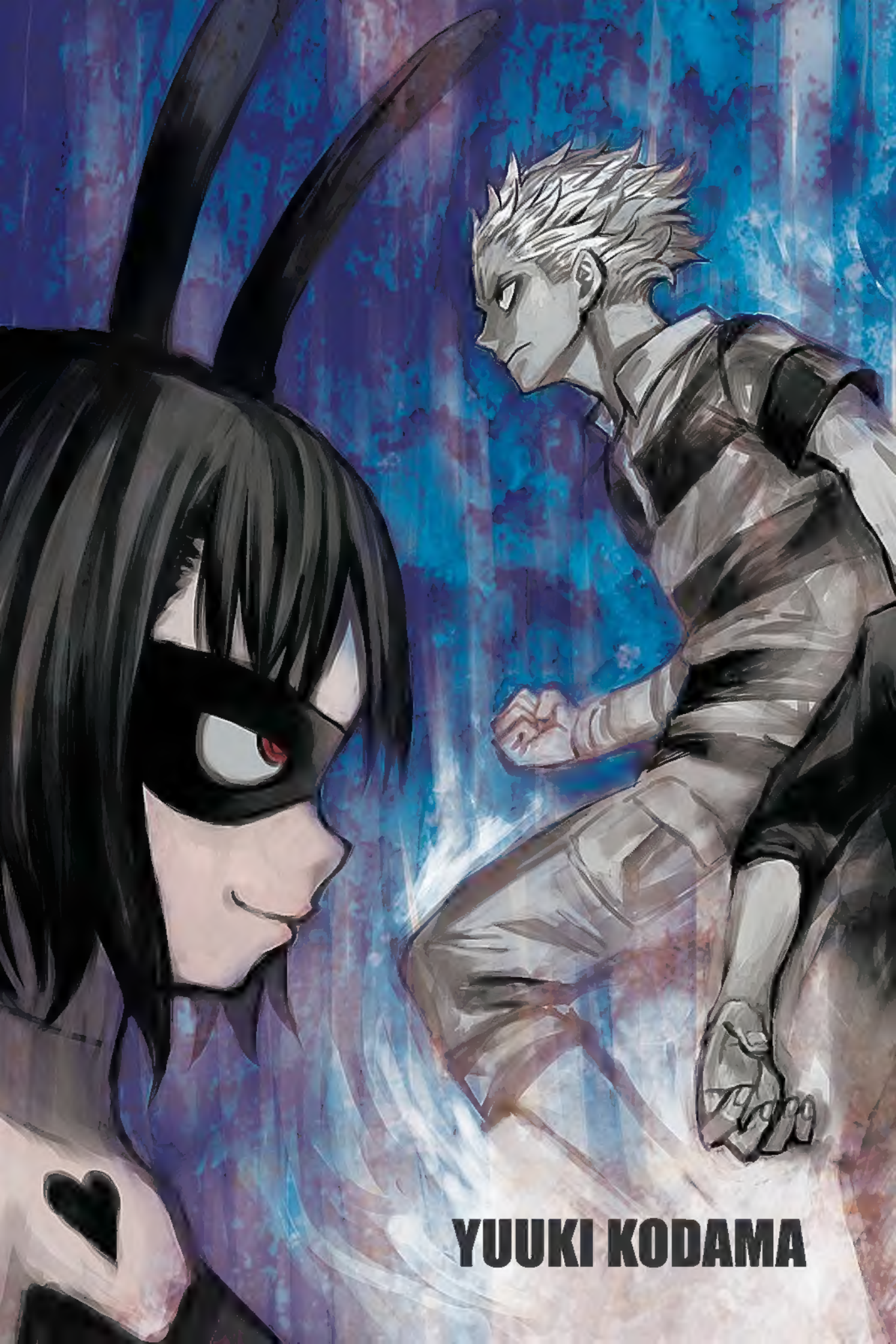
BLOOD LAD

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FICKLE AS DEMON WORLD SKIES



BLOOD LAD

CHAPTER 51 ♠ A GIRL'S HEART,
FICKLE AS DEMON WORLD SKIES



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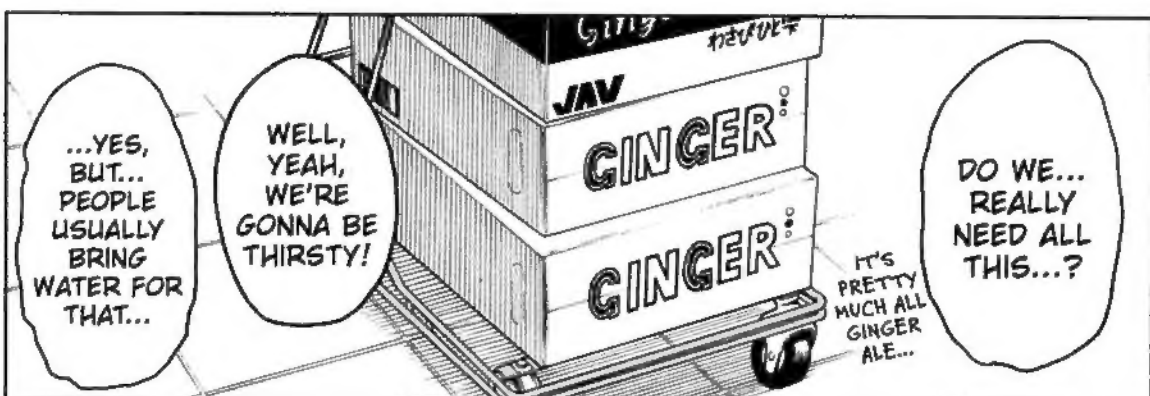
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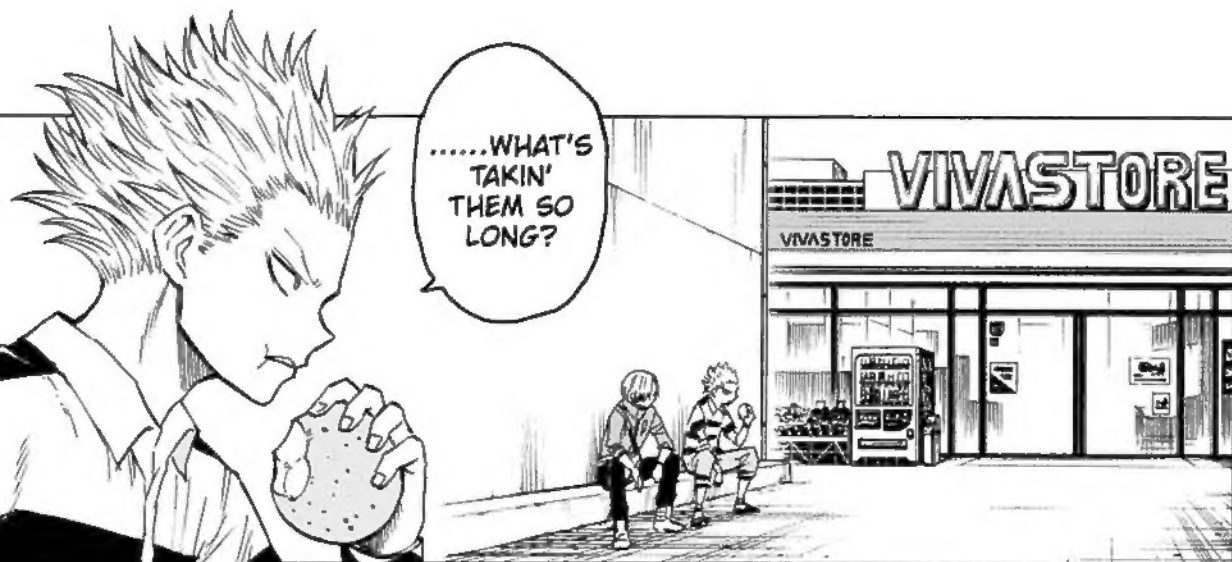
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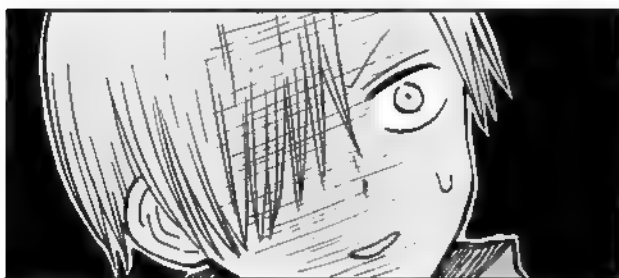
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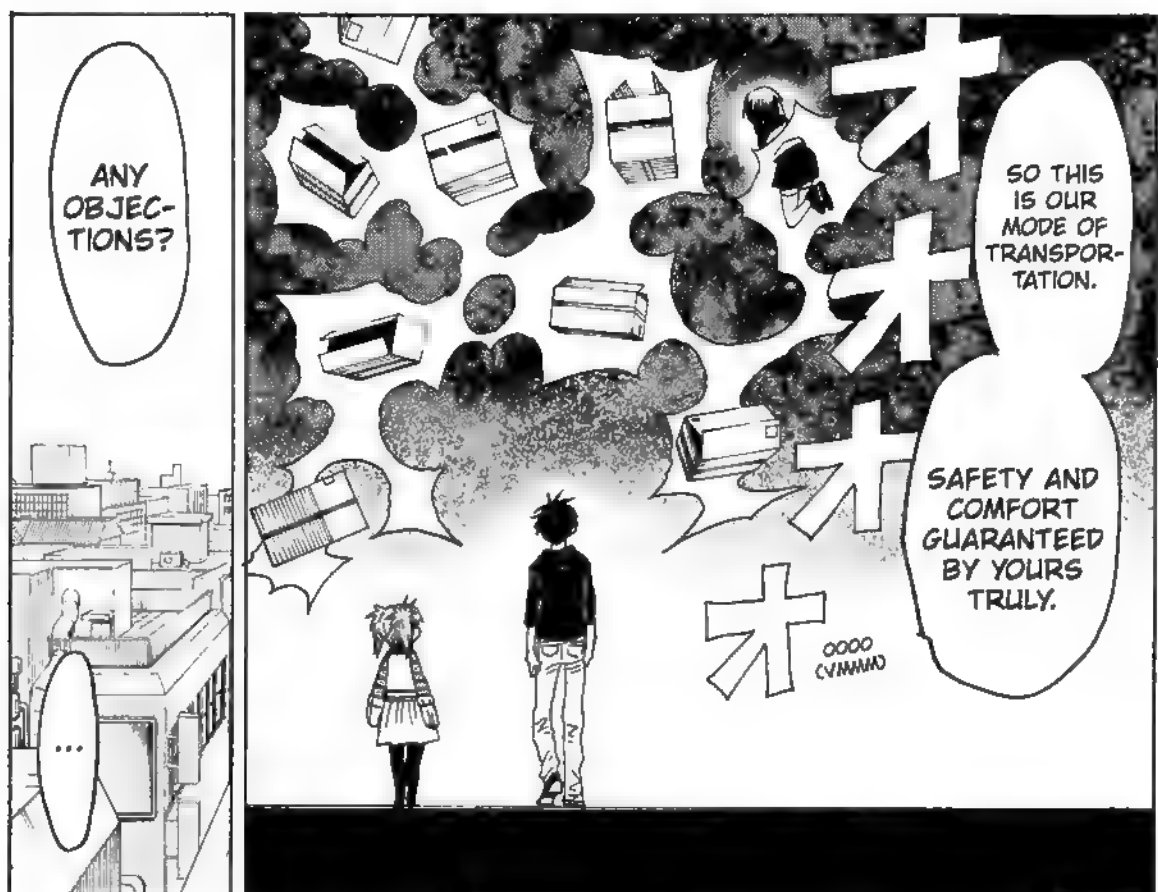


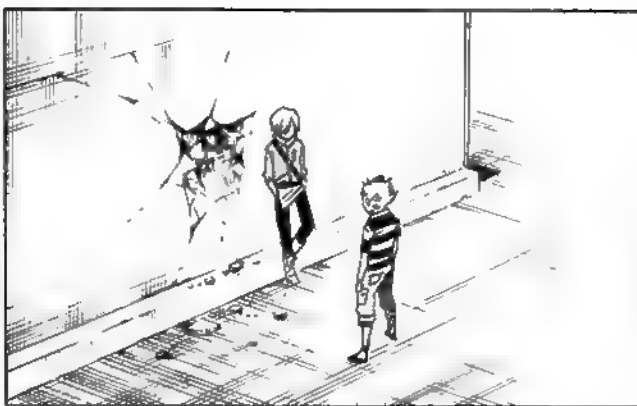






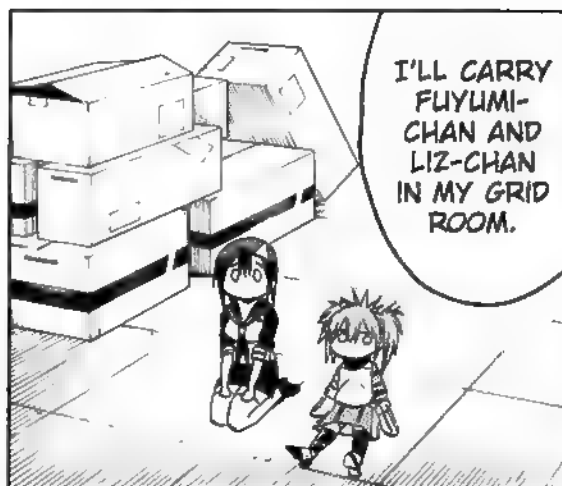












I'LL CARRY
FUYUMI-
CHAN AND
LIZ-CHAN
IN MY GRID
ROOM.



SHURU
(FWIP)

SO
WE'RE
DECIDED!



BASA
(FLAP)

AND SINCE
YOU GUYS
ARE SO
FAST...

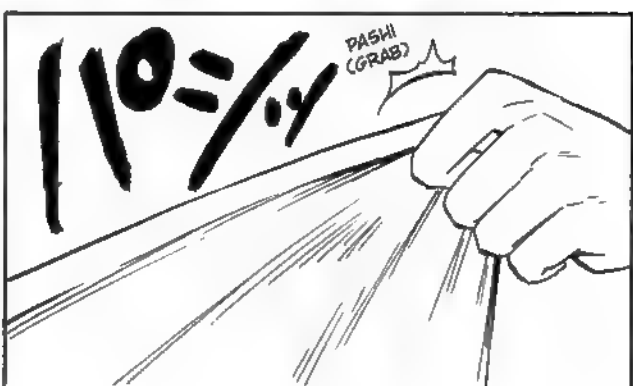


HIRA
(FLUTTER)

...YOU'LL
CARRY
THE
BUNDLE.



I THINK
IT'S A
SOLID
IDEA.



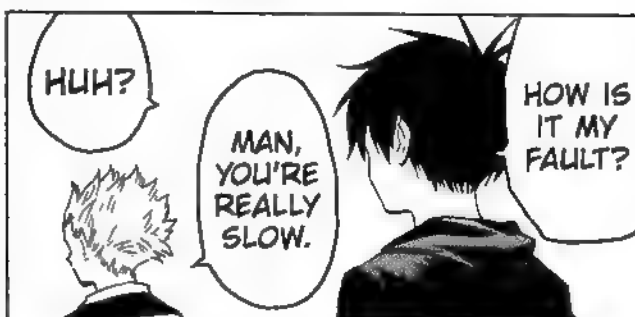
PASHI
(GRAB)





SHE HAS
A THING
FOR...

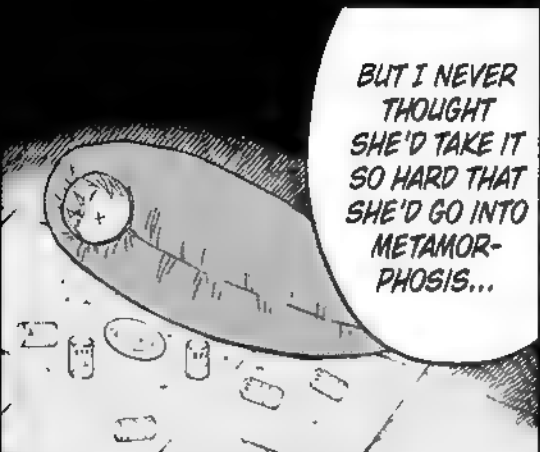
THE
TRUTH IS,
BELL...





...AND I
ENDED UP
PICKING
ON HER A
LITTLE...

I THOUGHT
IT WAS
FUNNY
AT FIRST
TOO...



BUT I NEVER
THOUGHT
SHE'D TAKE IT
SO HARD THAT
SHE'D GO INTO
METAMOR-
PHOSIS...



HELP ME
OUT HERE,
WOLF...



...I JUST
WANT TO FIND
OUT WHAT
FUYUMI-CHAN
THINKS OF
STAZ.



I MEAN, IT
WOULDN'T
REALLY MAKE
UP FOR
ANYTHING,
BUT...



MAN. GIRLS
SURE ARE
A LOT OF
TROUBLE...

I KNOW
THAT'S NOT
AN EASY
THING I'M
ASKING...







**IF YOU CAN
BEAT ME
TO DEMON
WORLD
NORTH!**



THAT'S
NOT EVEN
NORTH!
YOU DIREC-
TIONALLY-
IMPAIRED
MORON!

OH
YEAH
!?

'COS I
CAN DO
THIS,
DUMB-
ASS.

ZU
GYMMO

ズ
ズ

NO,
IT'S
THAT
WAY,
IDIOT!

LIKE I'M
GONNA FALL
FOR THAT
TRICK! IT'S
BASICALLY
THIS WAY!

GOOOO
CZOOONO

AND I'M
FASTER
ANYWAY!
HOW IS THIS
GONNA BE A
CONTEST!?

WHA
...?

BUN
(TUG)

GYUN
(YANK)

WHOA!

GURU
(FLIP)

TA



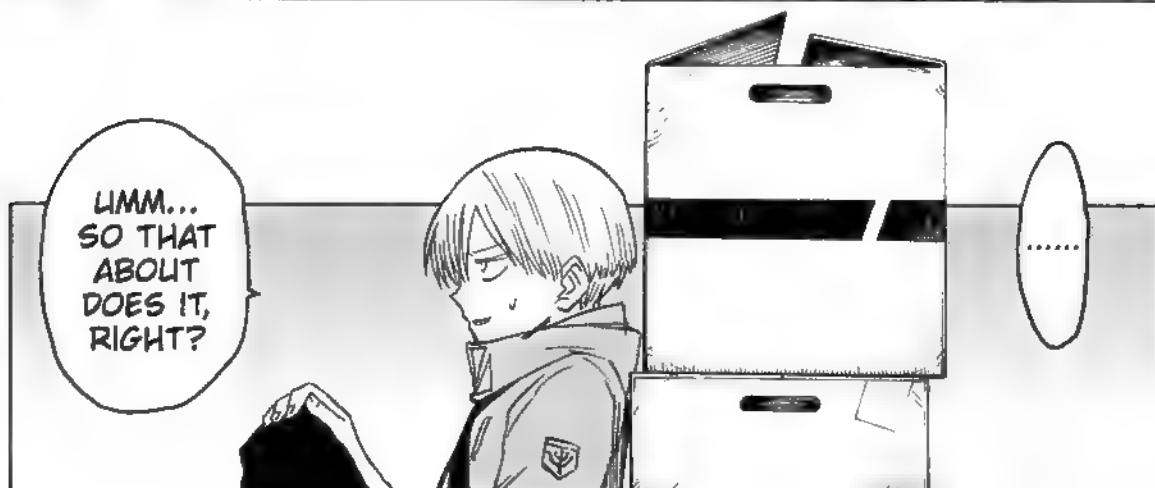
THINGS'RE
DIFFERENT
FROM
BEFORE.

THANKS FOR
POINTING ME
IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION!
I'LL TELL YA
ONE THING IN
RETURN...



DON'T
GET TOO
FULL OF
YOURSELF,
MUTT.

SOMEONE
WHO
DOESN'T
MOVE
FORWARD
IS GONNA
GET LEFT
BEHIND,
STAZ.







BUT
WHAT
WAS
THAT
...?



...THE
BLOOD
DONA-
TIONS,
ISN'T
IT...

...IT'S
ABOUT...



I KNOW...
IF STAZ
DOESN'T GIVE
YOU BLOOD,
YOU'LL
DISAPPEAR.

YEAH
...



...AND
THEN THAT
FEELING
GETS
STRONGER
AND
STRONGER
...

...I START
TO WANT
HIS BLOOD...
AND...IT'S
LIKE...MY
BODY FEELS
ALL...HOT...



...
WHEN
I...



WELL
...

...I'VE...
BEEN
HOLDING
IT IN.



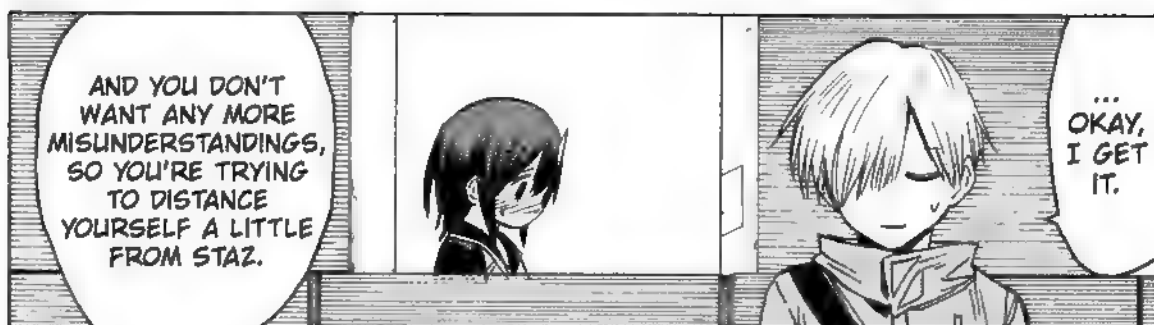
I PRETTY
MUCH
GOT THE
PICTURE!

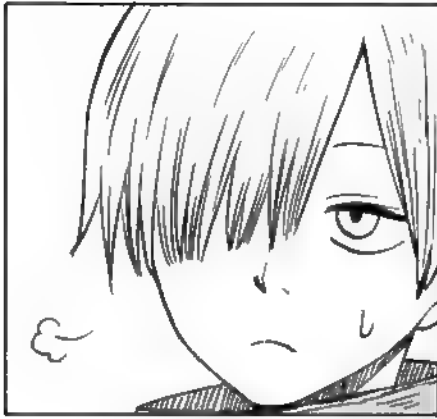
YOU'RE
WAY
TOO
HON-
EST.

OKAY,
OKAY,
YOU'VE
SAID
PLENTY!

LIKE...
I GET
KIND OF
EXCITED?
I MEAN,
EXCITED
THAT
WAY...?

THAT'S
HOW IT
FEELS AND
THEN...
UM...





WELL,
WE'RE
DONE
NOW.
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.

YOU
WOULDN'T
...

HEY. I
DON'T
GET ANY
OF THIS.



AND SHE
PROBABLY
BELIEVES
THAT
HERSELF.

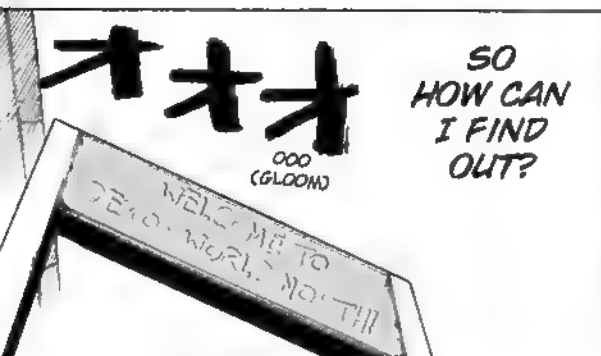


A
MISUNDER-
STANDING,
HUH...



SO THEN...EVEN
IF SHE DOES
END UP HAVING
FEELINGS FOR
STAZ...SHE'D
STILL BELIEVE
THAT IT WAS
ONLY ABOUT
HIS BLOOD.

SHE REALLY
THINKS IT'S
BECAUSE OF
THE BLOOD...



SO
HOW CAN
I FIND
OUT?







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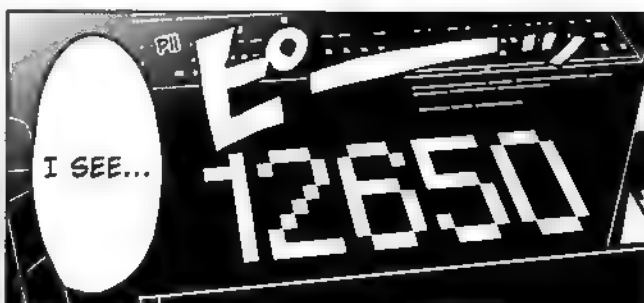
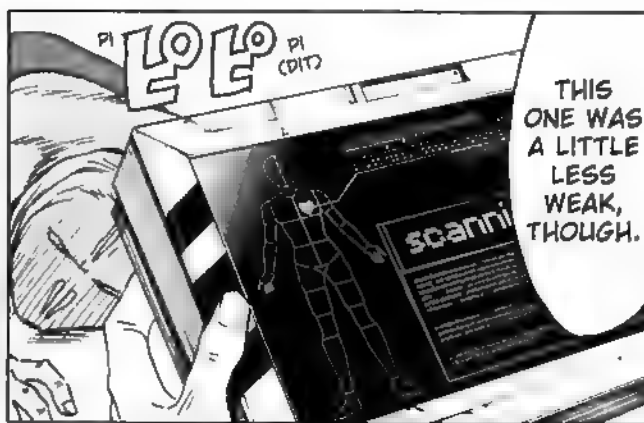
OOO
(LOOM)

WHAT
THE HELL
HAPPENED
HERE?

WELCOME TO
DEMON WORLD NORTH!











ANIMAL SNACKS



CUTE LITTLE COOKIES
IN ANIMAL SHAPES.
YOU CAN HAVE THEM
IF YOU'RE GOOD.

BLOOD LAD

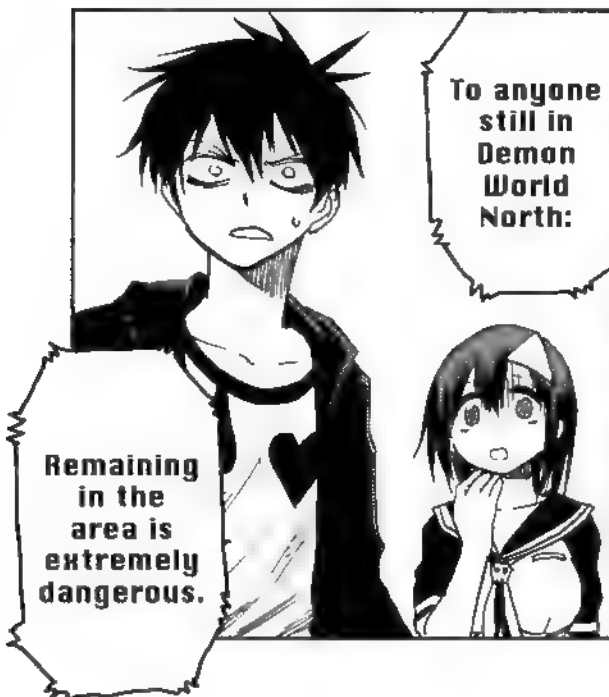
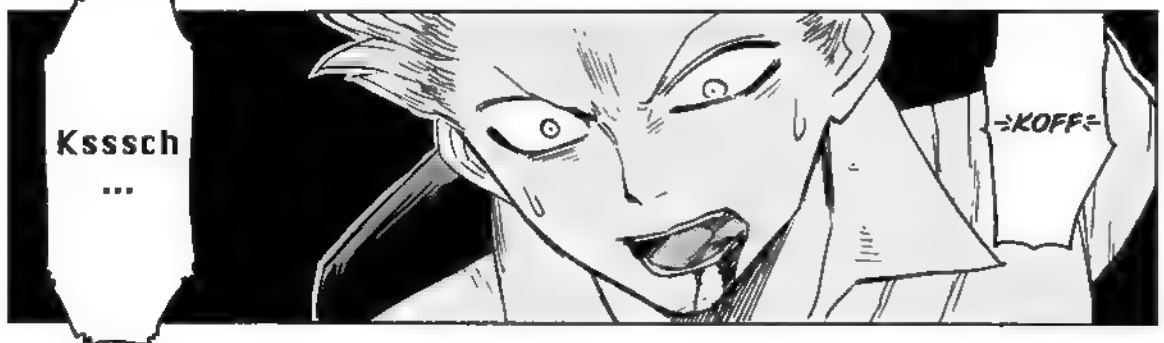


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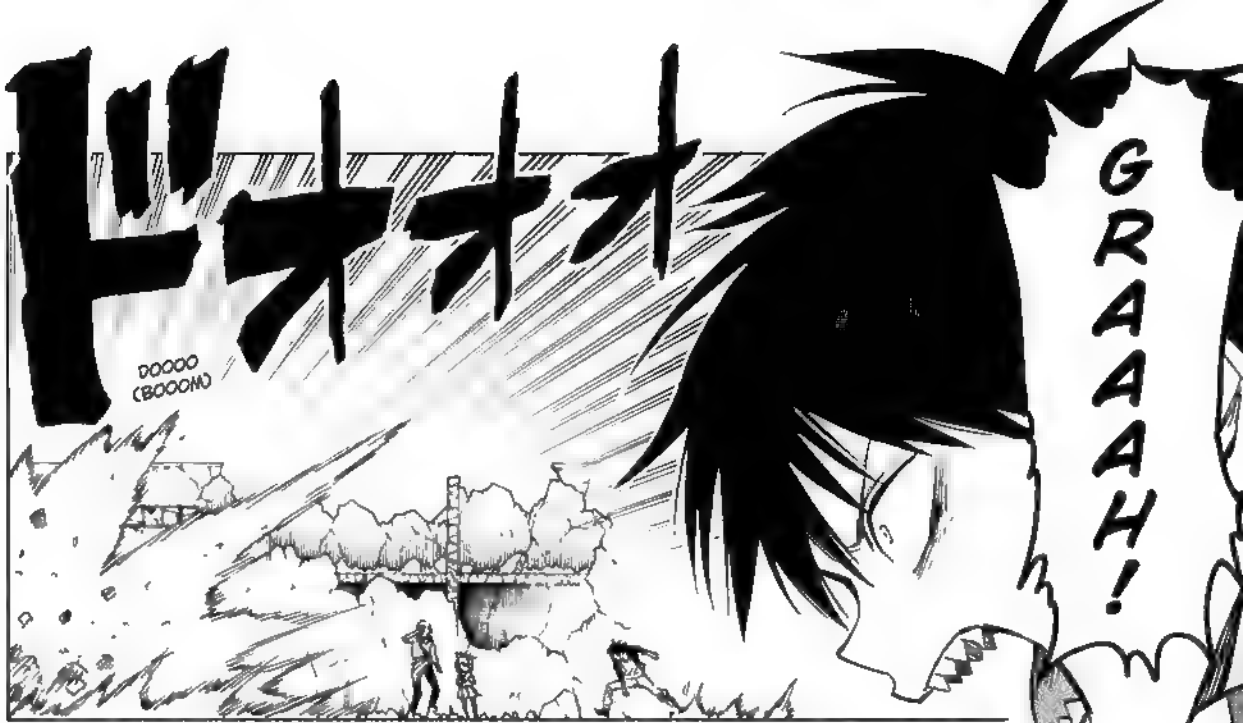


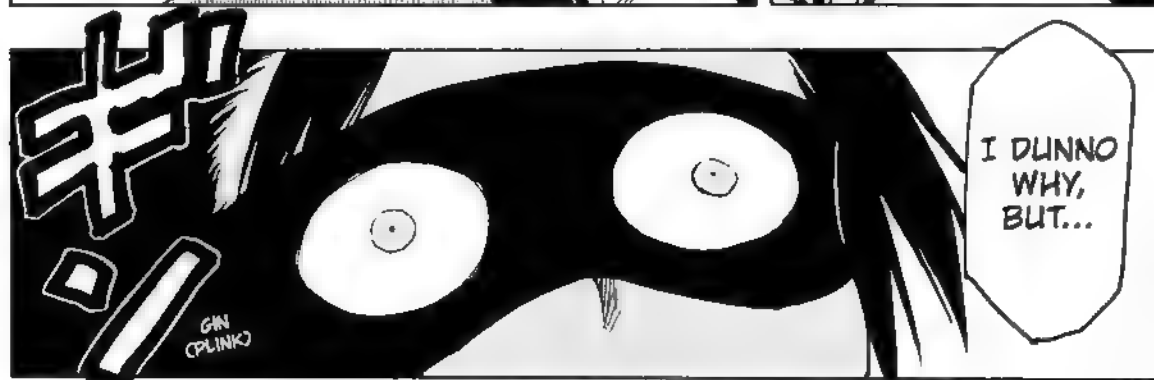














...TO
FIND THE
BEST
PARTS.

WE WERE
PLAYING
A GAME
.....



I DON'T QUITE
REMEMBER,
BUT I'M
PRETTY SURE
THAT WAS IN
THE RULES.

BUT I CAN
ONLY BRING
BACK ONE
THING...
I THINK.



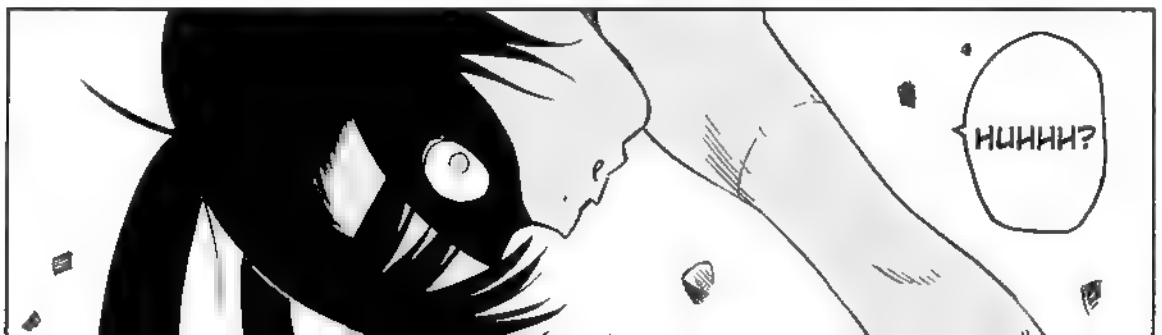
HEY...
DOES THIS
SOUND
FAMILIAR
TO YOU?

YEAH
...

I DUNNO
WHAT TO
PICK...





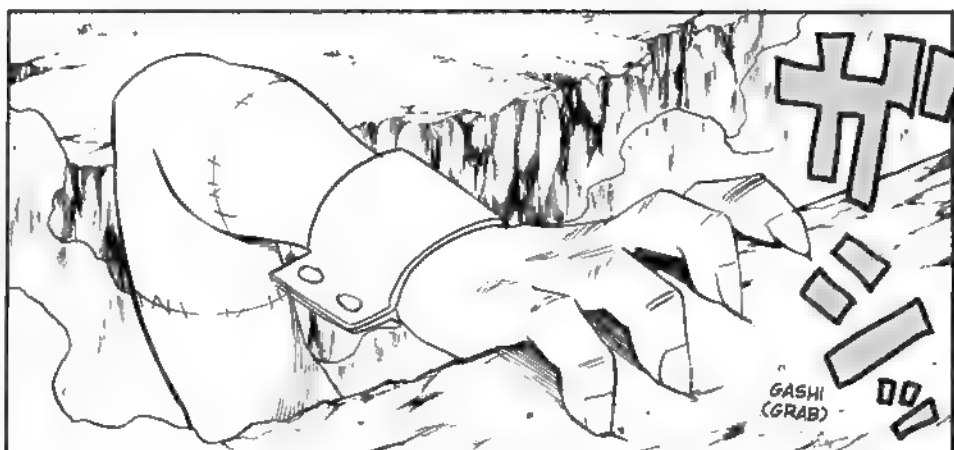
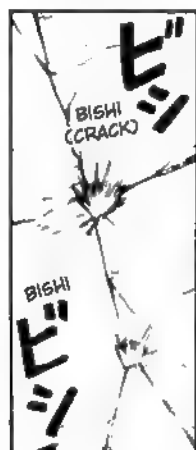


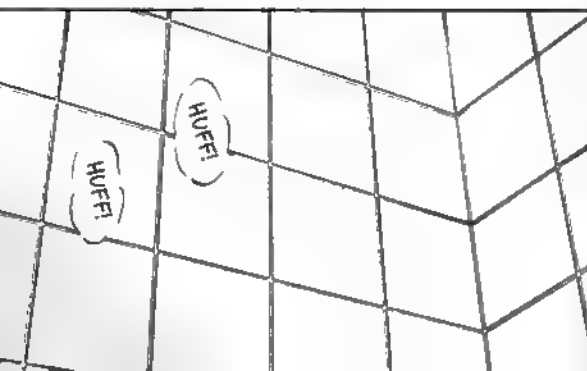
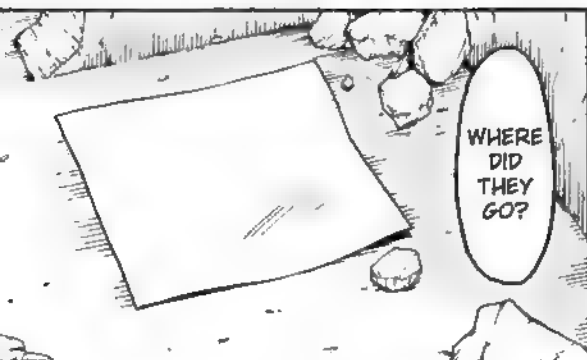




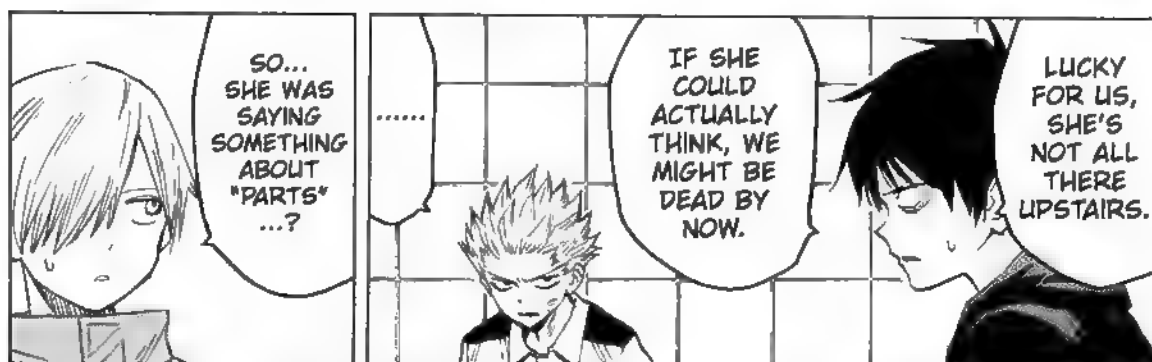






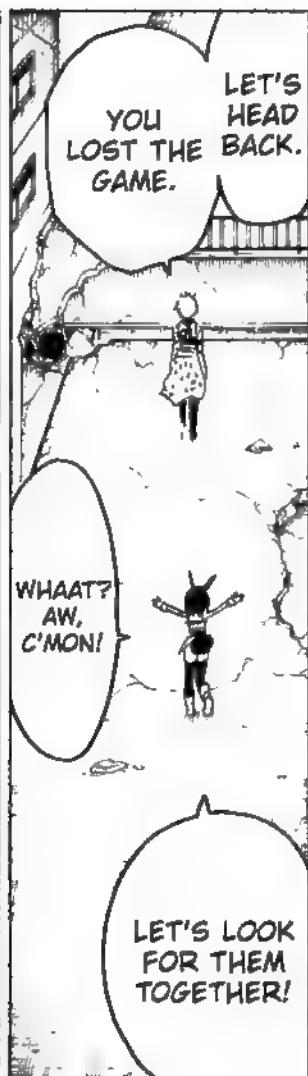






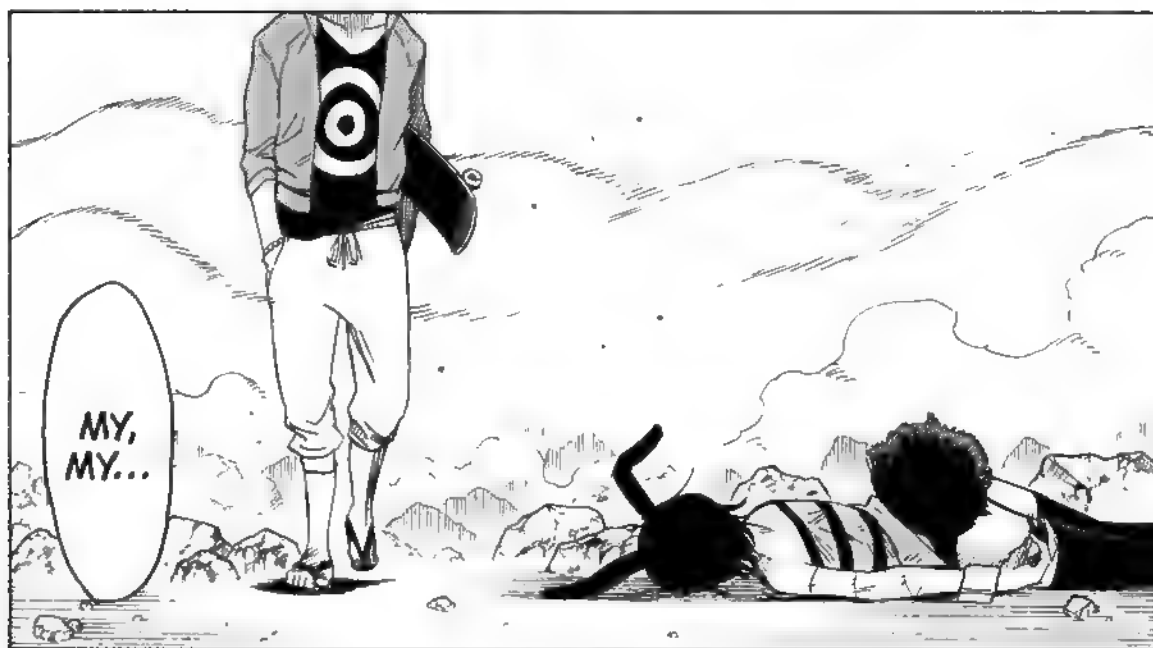
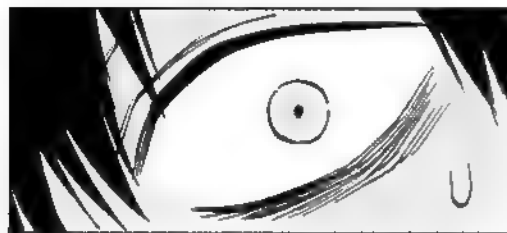










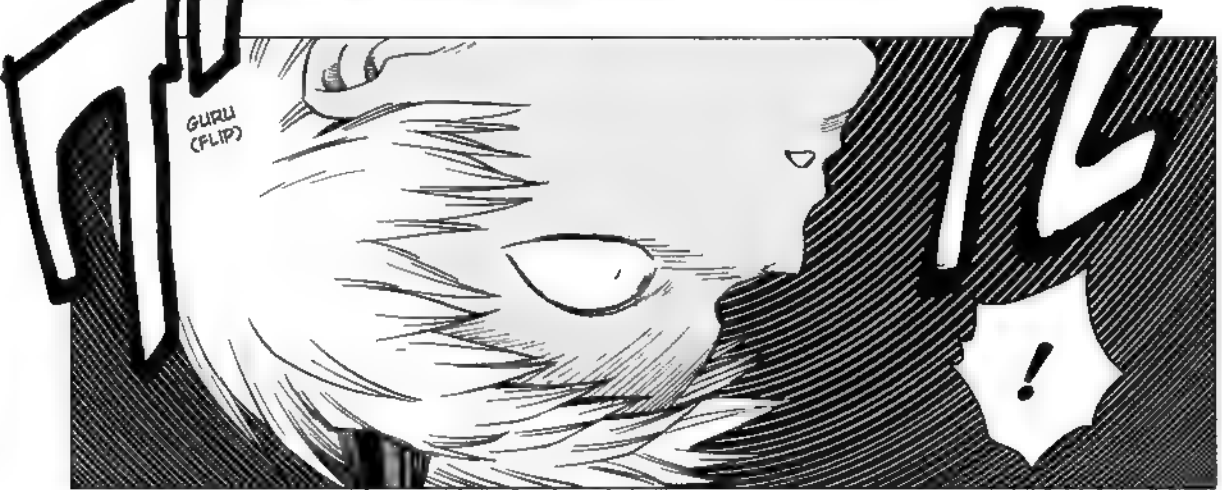




DON
(BOOM)

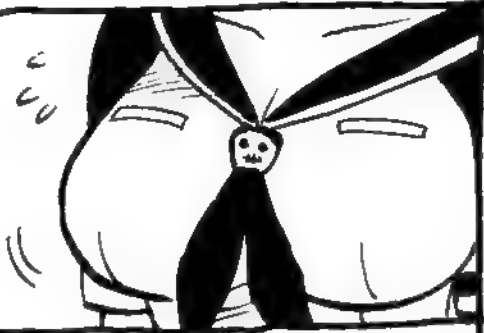
I CAME
OVER ON
ACCOUNT
OF I HEARD
THERE WAS
A TERRIBLE
MONSTER
ON THE
LOOSE...

...BUT
THERE
REALLY
WASN'T
MUCH
TO IT.





THE BEST PARTS



EFFECTIVE IN
INTIMIDATING ONE'S
OPPONENT, THESE ARE
ALSO THOUGHT TO HAVE
HIGH SHOCK ABSORPTION
PROPERTIES.

BLOOD LAD



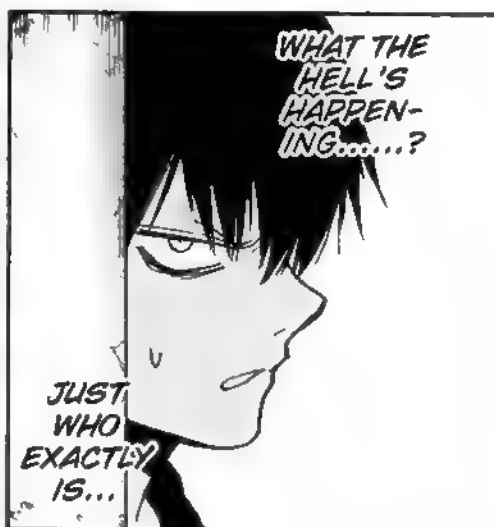
CHAPTER 53 ♠
THE OLD SOLDIERS' NETWORK



I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND.

...THAT'S
STRANGE.

YOU DON'T
HAVE ANY
GOOD PARTS.
SO HOW...!?





...A
MATTER
OF EXPE-
RIENCE.

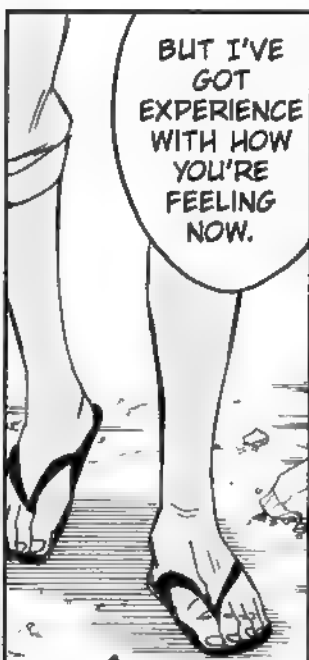


I MISSED,
THANKS TO
THAT FUNNY
LITTLE
COLLAR OF
YOURS...

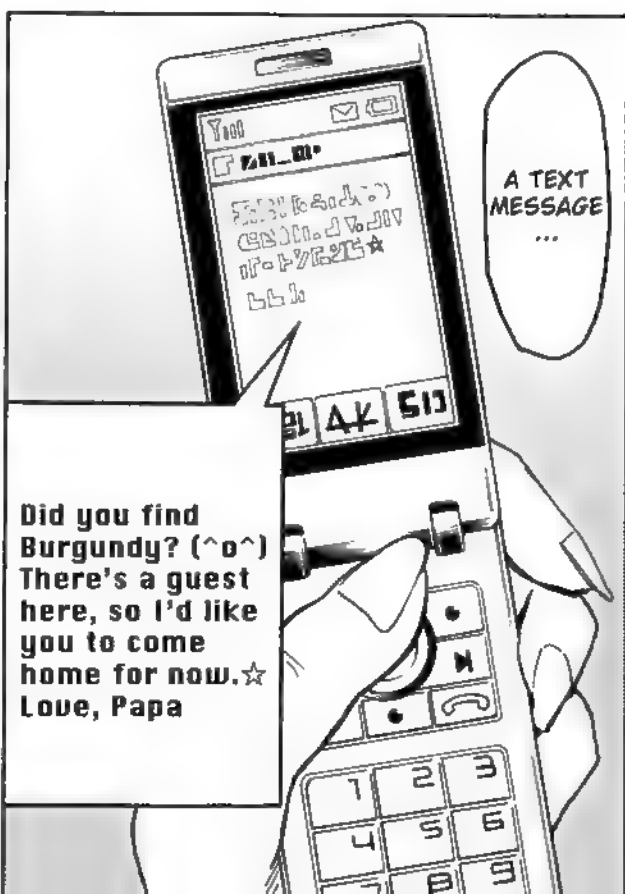
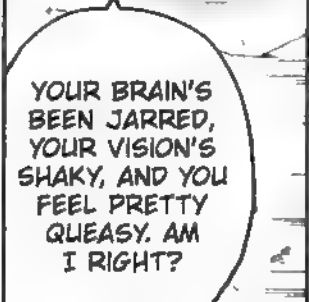


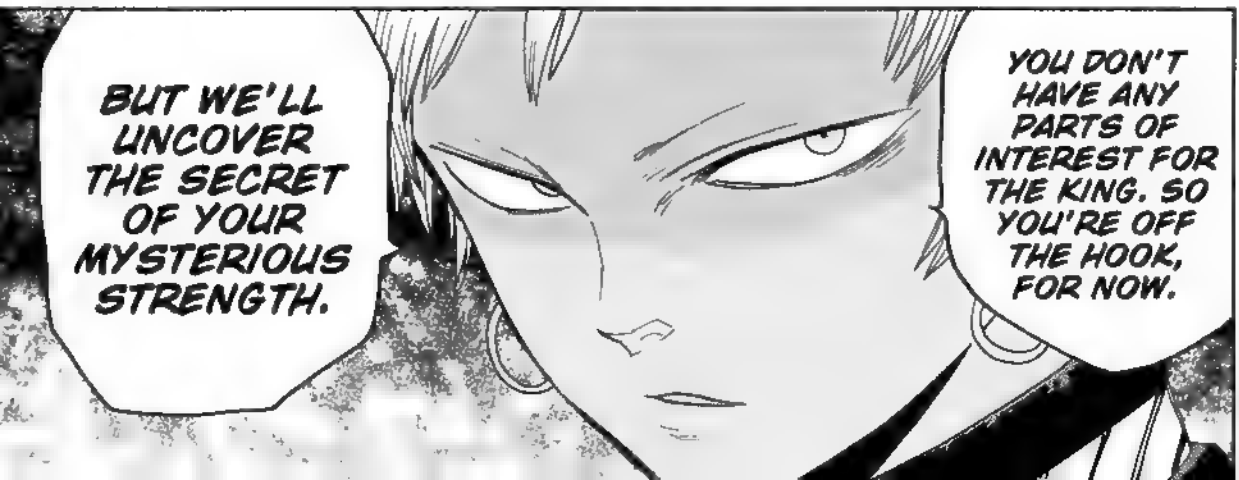


NOT TO WORRY...
IT'LL ALL BE OVER SOON...



BUT I'VE GOT EXPERIENCE WITH HOW YOU'RE FEELING NOW.







ゴゴゴ
オシ
GOGOON
(GATUNING)

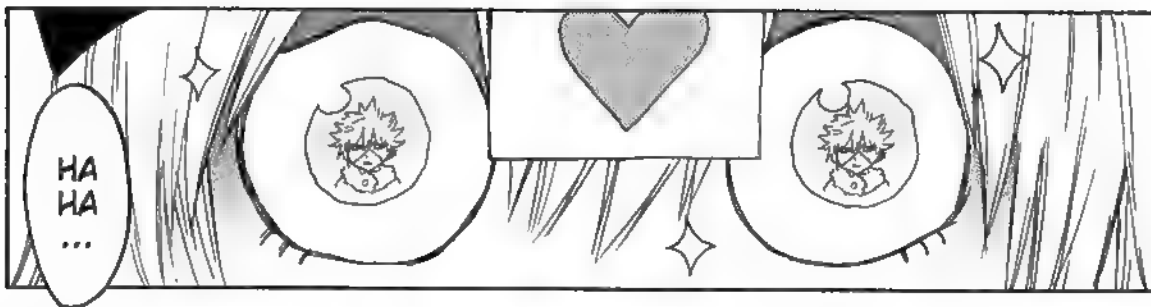


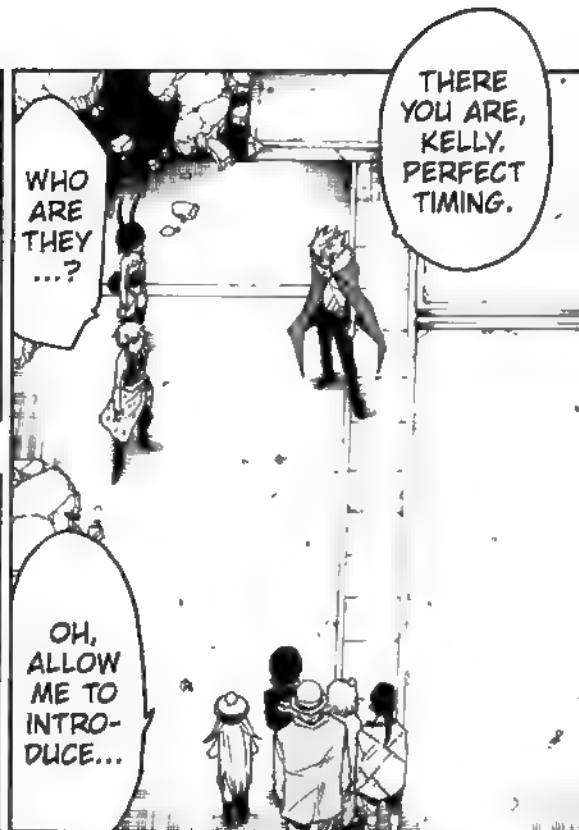


COAT: AKIM 4-LIFE, AKIM 4-LIFE

BANNERS: AKIM ♡, AKIM LOVE, AKIM LOVE

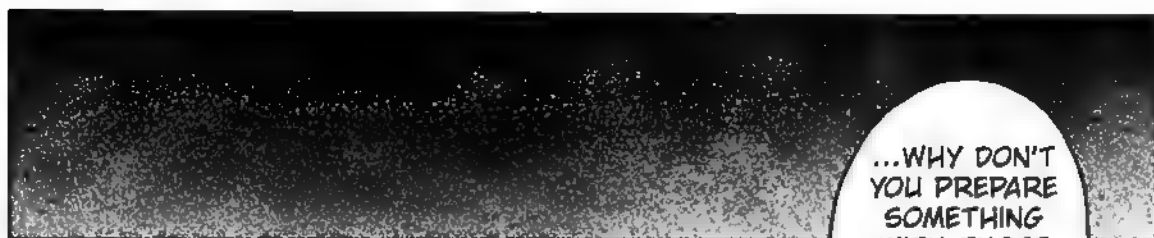






BANNER: AKIM LOVE







PO...
POISON-
ING HIM
ISN'T
DIS-
CREET,
MEOW!!

LET'S BE
DISCREET
ABOUT
THIS.

WE'RE
ALREADY
PAST THE
TARGET'S
DEFENSES.

WE CAN'T
DO THAT!
ISN'T
THIS TOO
HASTY!?

N-NOW,
HOLD
ON A
SECOND,
ROY!

HOW
SO?

WE...
WE NEED...
TO BUILD
UP MORE
TRUST!

WH...
WHAT IF
WE'RE
FOUND
OUT!?

SHOULD
JUST
GO AND
KILL
HIM.

THIS IS
REALLY
TIME
TO BE
PICKY?

THEN WE'D
HAVE A
SAFEGUARD,
JUST IN
CASE...
IT'D BE THE
SUREST
WAY...!

ALL I
NEED IS
A PIECE
OF HIS
HAIR!

BAAAN
(TA-DAAA)

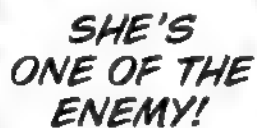


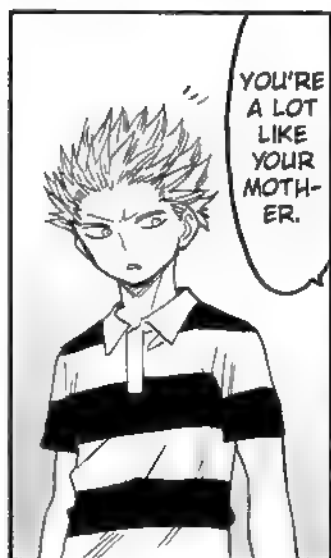
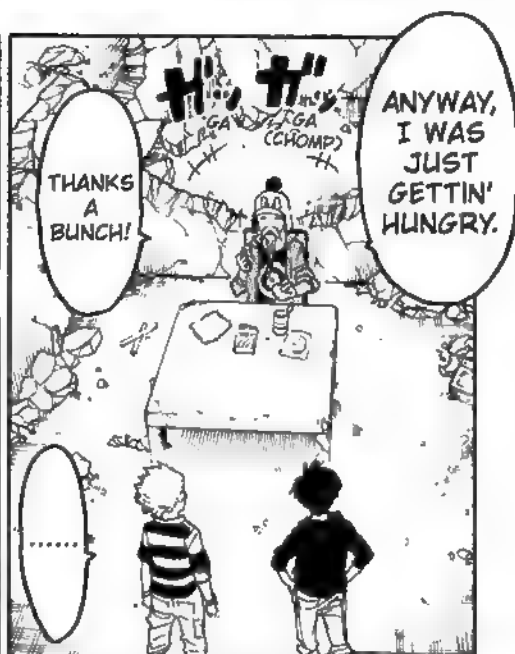
SFX: HISO (WHISPER) HISO





BUT
NOW I'M
THINKING
...







YOU'RE
WOLF
BOY.

WOLF'S
SON...

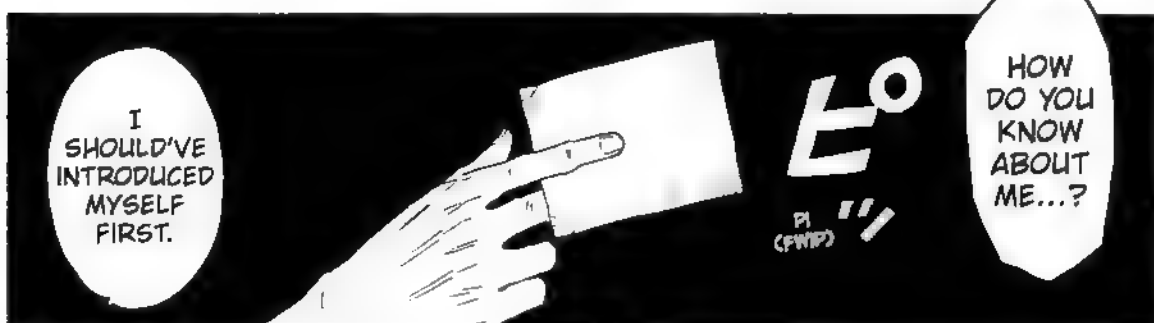


I
WONDERED,
WHEN I
HEARD
THAT BOY'S
NAME WAS
STAZ...

...BUT
SEEING
YOUR
FACE,
I'M SURE
OF IT.



WHAT
THE
...?

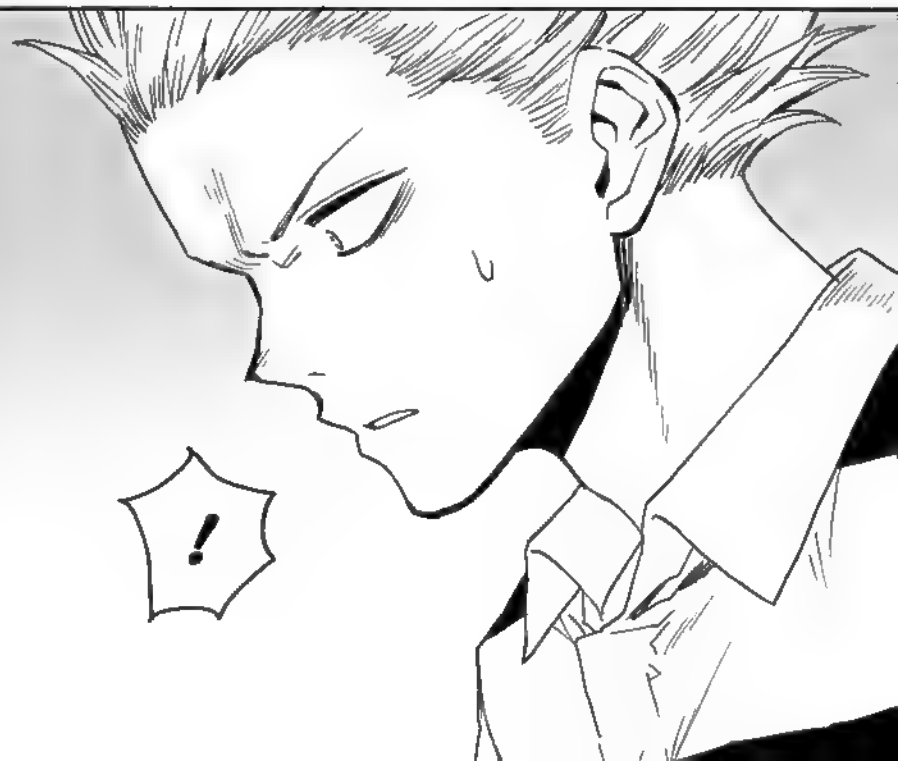


I
SHOULD'VE
INTRODUCED
MYSELF
FIRST.

HOW
DO YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
ME...?

E°
PI
(FWP)

MY NAME
IS WHITE
STEP.





**AND A
GOOD
WHILE
BACK
...**

**...I WAS
ON THE
SAME
TEAM AS
YOUR OLD
MAN.**

...CALLED
THE
DEMON
COLORS.

IT WAS A
SECRET TASK
FORCE UNDER
THE DIRECT
CONTROL OF
THE KING...

THAT'S HOW
FAR BACK
RED WOLF
AND I GO.

IT WAS
BACK
BEFORE
RICHARZ
ASCENDED
TO THE
THRONE...

AND THEN
ONE DAY,
OUT
OF THE
BLUE...

...I
GOT A
MESSAGE
FROM
WOLF.

HOW
MANY
YEARS
HAD IT
BEEN
...?

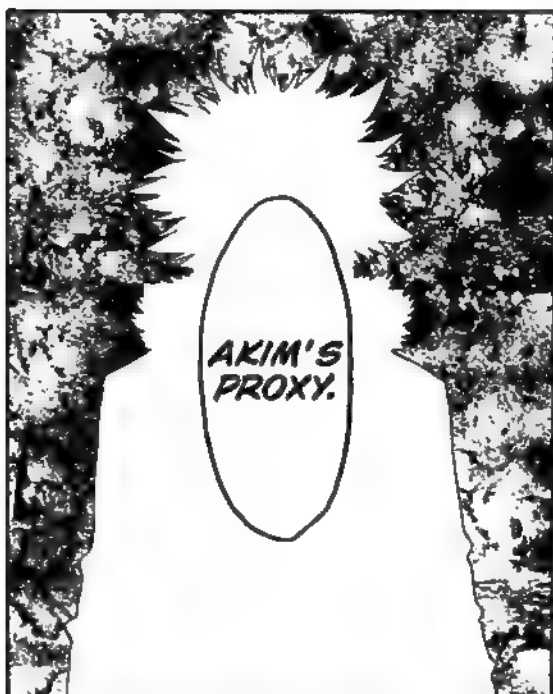
...ALWAYS
CAME OUT
OF THE
BLUE.

BASA
(FLAP)

WELL,
MESSAGES
FROM
WOLF...







AKIM'S
PROXY.



AND
THAT
CALL...



WELL, TO
MAKE THINGS
SHORT, HE
ASKED ME TO
PUT A STOP
TO WHATEVER
WAS ON A
RAMPAGE IN
DEMON WORLD
NORTH.



SO
THOSE
TWO
REALLY
ARE
AKIM'S...



.....

THAT'S
WHAT HE
SAID.



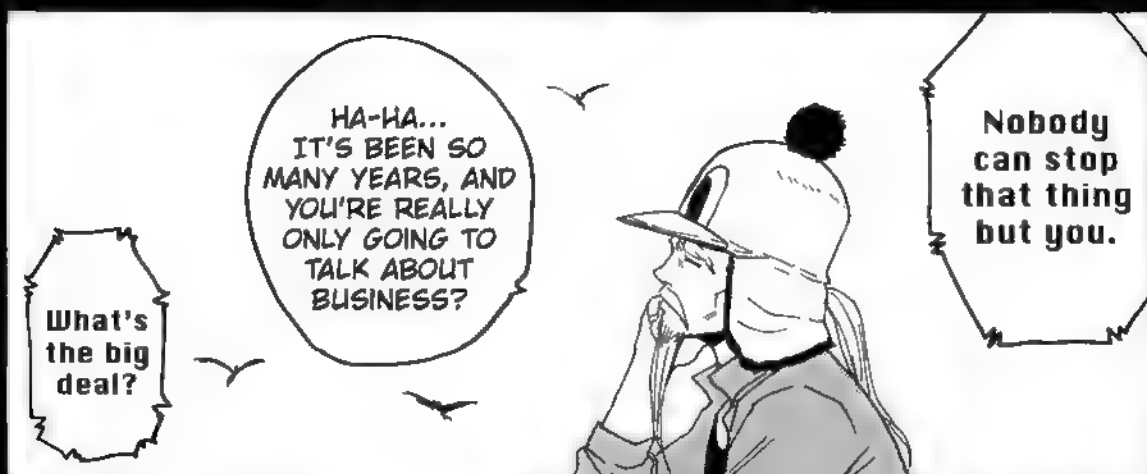
MAYBE
IT'S MY
AGE...



I KNEW IT
COULDN'T BE
ANYTHING
GOOD, COMING
FROM HIM.
STILL...

WHAT A
LOAD OF
TROUBLE.

I JUST
WANTED
TO HEAR
MY OLD
FRIEND'S
VOICE.







WELL...



HE'S
STEADIER
THAN ME.



I CAN
ADD ONE
THING...

...NOW
HE'S GOING
AROUND
WITH ONE OF
RICHARZ'S
BOYS. A
KID NAMED
STAZ.



HE'S
BEEN ON
MY MIND,
YOU KNOW.

SO
THAT'S
GOOD TO
HEAR.



HA
HA
HA.



You
must be
happy
about
that.

HAH.



AIN'T
THAT
FUNNY?



'SCUSE
ME?

THOUGH
YOU DON'T
LOOK
ALL THAT
STEADY.



HA
HA
HA.



'SCUSE
ME!?

RUNT.

FOR WOLF
DADDY'S KID,
YOU KINDA
LOOK LIKE A
WEAKLING,
IS WHAT I'M
SAYING.

IT
REALLY
IS...



! ...HEY.



クイ クイ
クイ

クイ
(FWIP)



ズ
ズ
ズ

ズズズ
(MMMM)

SOUNDS
TO ME LIKE
YOU'RE
PICKIN'
A FIGHT,
GRAMPS.



...TAKE
CARE OF HIM,
WOULD YOU?



IF YOU
HAPPEN TO
MEET HIM
SOMEWHERE
...



DO
(THOCK)





AH
HA
HA
...



BIKI
(STARTLE)

KURU
(TURN)

YOU'RE
THE TYPE
THAT'S
QUICK TO
LOSE HIS
TEMPER.

SO
EASY
TO
READ.



WH...
WHAT DO
YOU WANT,
OLD MAN?



AND
YOU'RE
THE
TYPE...

...TO BUY
TIME WHILE
FIGURING
OUT HOW
TO ESCAPE.



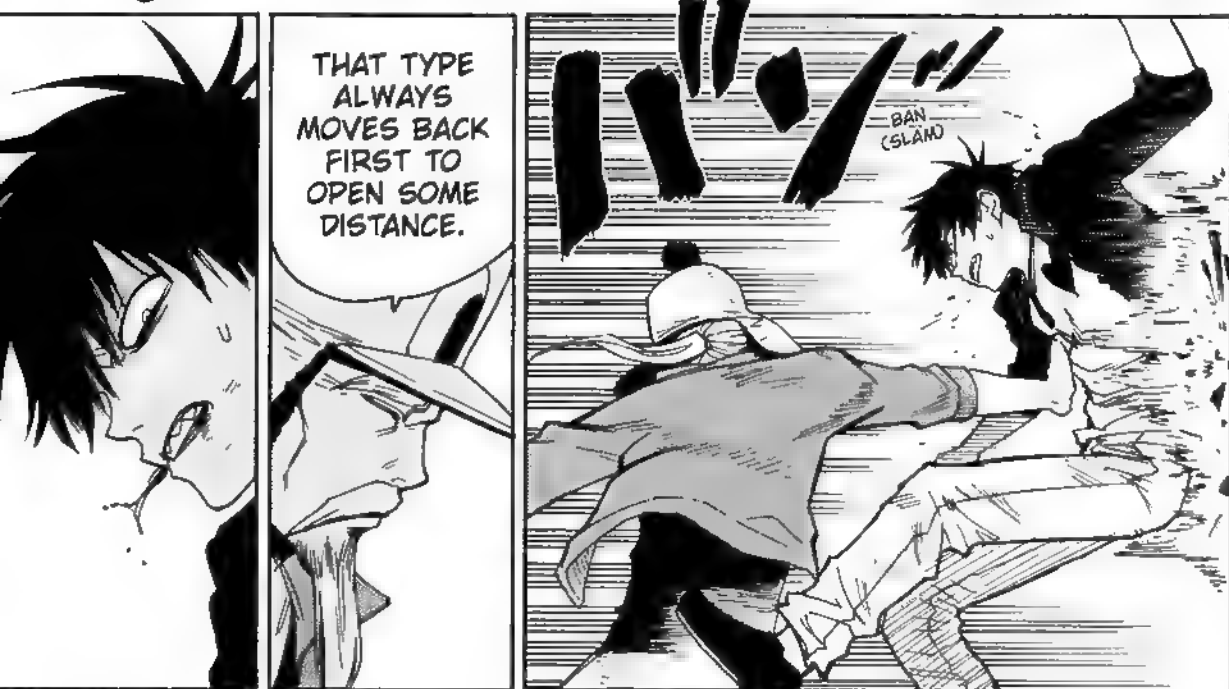
WELL?
C'MON,
IF YOU'RE
GONNA DO
SOMETHING,
DO IT.

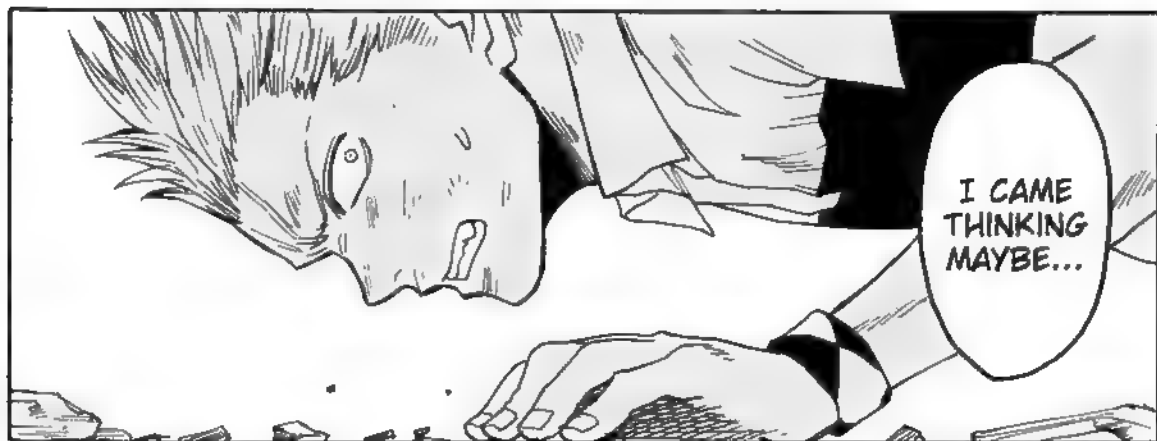
HAH.

KOOO
(INHALE)

ZA
(KATCH)

YOU
WANNA
GO?





THE POISON



100% PURE, UNDILUTED
POISON. IT HAS AN
INCREDIBLY HARSH
TASTE. HOWEVER,
IT'S SAID THAT BY THE
TIME YOU CAN TASTE IT,
YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD.

BLOOD LAD

...WELL,
THAT'D BE
NICE...BUT
DIDN'T HE SAY
SOMETHING
ABOUT AN
OLD MAN?

...SO MAYBE
THEY'RE ON
THE MOVE
AGAIN?

BUT HE
SAID THE
DANGER'S
ALREADY
PASSED...

STAZ
SHOULD
BE BACK
BY
NOW...

YES,
HE'S
BEEN
GONE
AWHILE
...

HE TOOK
SOME FOOD
AND WENT
OUT WITH
WOLF, BUT...

WHERE
IS SHE?
AND WHAT'S
SHE UP
TO NOW?

Sis
No new
messages

AND MY
SISTER
TOO...

SHEESH...
I WISH
HE'D JUST
TELL US
WHAT'S
GOING ON.

KACHA
(FLIK)

WHAT
OLD
MAN
...?

I...I
DON'T
KNOW
...



CHAPTER 54 ♠
DON'T THINK. FEEL!



ZAZAAAAAN
(ZHAAAAA)

IT JUST
FEELS
LIKE WE
BELONG
HERE,
Y'KNOW?

AHHH.
NOTHIN'
BEATS THE
OCEAN,
HUH.

KAPOOOON
(SPLISH)



DON'T
THINK.
FEEL!

BRUCE
LEE SAID
THAT.

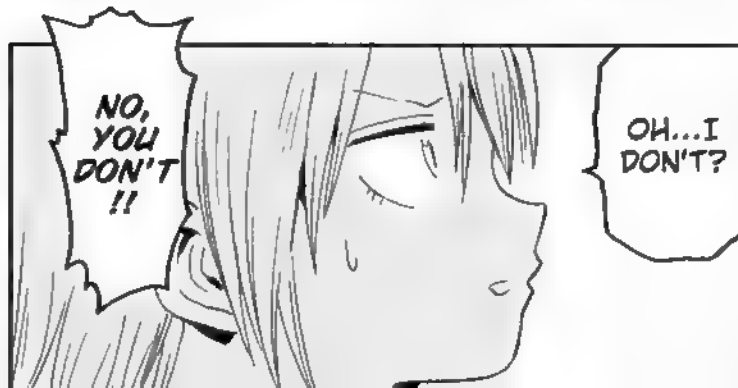
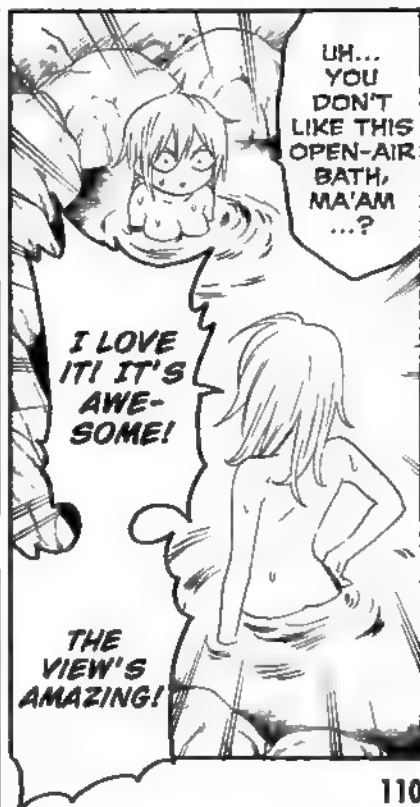
.....UH...
...WHO'S
THAT?



WELL, I
CAN FEEL
HOWEVER
I WANT.

WE'RE
NOT FROM
THE HUMAN
WORLD,
THOUGH...

AND IF
IT FEELS
GOOD,
IT'S
GOOD!





GO
AHEAD,
SPIT IT
OUT.



AW
MAN,
WHAT
A PAIN.



NOTHING
TO HIDE,
RIGHT?

WE'RE
BOTH
SITTING
HERE
NAKED.



YOU'VE
GOT SOME
KINDA DUMB
PROBLEM ON
YOUR MIND,
DON'CHA?
I CAN TELL.



ZAZAAAAAN
(ZHAAAAA)

YOU CAN
TELL ME
ANYTHING.

MY
HEART'S
AS WIDE
AND DEEP
AS THE
OCEAN
WE'RE
LOOKIN'
AT!



ZAAA
(CRASH)

BIG
SISTER
...

SHUT UP,
I'M NOT
YOUR
SISTER...

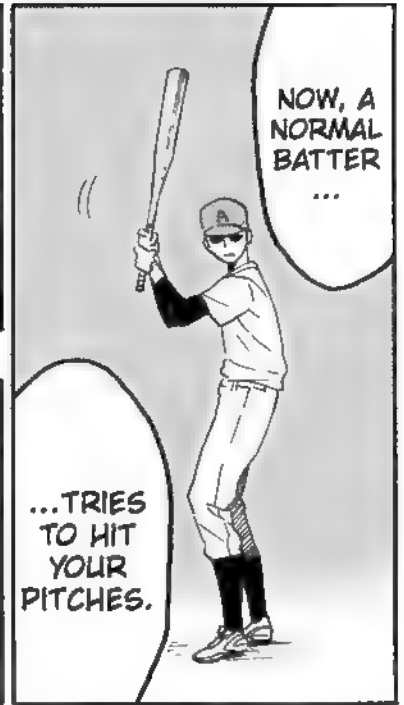
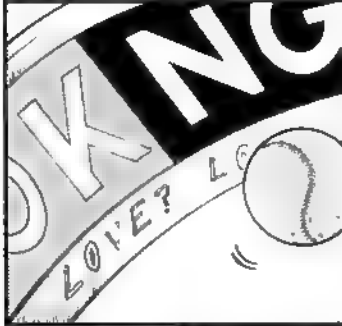




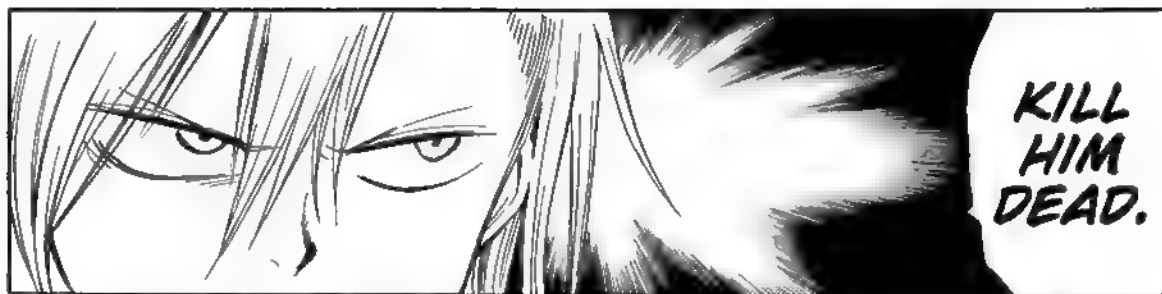




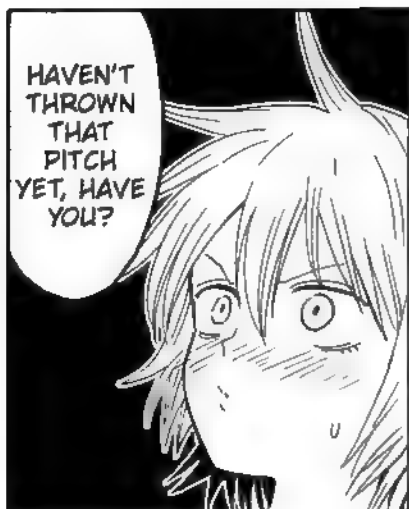
CAPTION: GOOD / NO GOOD











HAVEN'T
THROWN
THAT
PITCH
YET, HAVE
YOU?



THERE'S
YOUR
FAST-
BALL.



THAT
SMILE.



HUH?



BEATING
HIM'S
THE LAST
RESORT.



DON'T JUST
LET YOUR
IMAGINATION
GET YOU
DOWN
BEFORE YOU
EVEN TRY
THROWING
THAT.



IS THIS
GUY REALLY
A BATTER
WHO JUST
WON'T
SWING...?



YOU'VE
BEEN
THROWIN'
NOTHING
BUT BALLS
SO FAR.

YOU'VE
GOT A
PITCH THAT
CAN GIVE
YOU THE
ANSWER...



SFX: GUNI (KNEAD) GUNI GUNI GUNI GUNI



HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA!!

BWAHAH!

SFX: ZUN (STOMP) ZUN

THIS IS
NOTHIN'.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
ME,
STAZ.

THIS
MAP
.....

ARE YOU
KIDS TRYIN'
TO GET ME
TO LAUGH
MYSELF TO
DEATH...?

HUFF!

HUFF!

HEE...
HEE...
OOH,
I'M
GONNA
DIE...

WHAT,
NOW
YOU'RE
INTO IT?
MORON.

JUST A
BIT OF
TRAININ'.

WHAT'S
SO
FUNNY
...!?

YOU'RE
THE ONE
TRYING
TO CRUSH
WOLF TO
DEATH!

OH-
HO-HO...
WHY, YES,
I AM.

THIS OLD
GEEZER
IS JUST
TAKING
US FOR
A RIDE.



ANY-
WAY...

FOR
REAL...?
SOUNDS
TOO GOOD
TO BE
TRUE.



I HAVEN'T
HAD THIS
MUCH FUN
IN YEARS.

AND THE
PLACE I'M
HEADED ISN'T
FAR FROM
THE SPOT
MARKED ON
YOUR MAP
HERE.



COME
ON, NOW.
DON'T BE
SUCH A
SOUR-
PUSS.

WE NEVER
ASKED YOU
TO TAKE CARE
OF US OR
SHOW US
AROUND OR
ANYTHING...
OKAY,
GRAMPS?



SAY
WHATEVER
YOU WANT,
BUT I'M
GOIN' WITH
THIS OLD
MAN.



HE'S
RIGHT,
STAZ.

FATE'S
GOT A
LITTLE
HAND
IN THIS,
DON'T YOU
THINK?



HUH
...?



IF YOU DON'T
FEEL LIKE
CARRYIN' SOME
BOULDERS,
JUST GET
BACK INTO THE
BUNDLE WITH
EVERYONE
ELSE.







THIS IS
NUTS...





THERE'S NO
PRECEDENT,
SO I CAN'T
SAY FOR
SURE...

THAT'S
ALL I'VE
ACCUMULATED
DURING A
LONG LIFE IN
THE DEMON
WORLD.



NO
WAY...



...BUT IT'S JUST
ENOUGH MAGIC
THAT IN THE
HUMAN WORLD,
I'D BE CALLED
"SUPERHUMAN."

DO
(RUMBLE)

DO

DO

DO



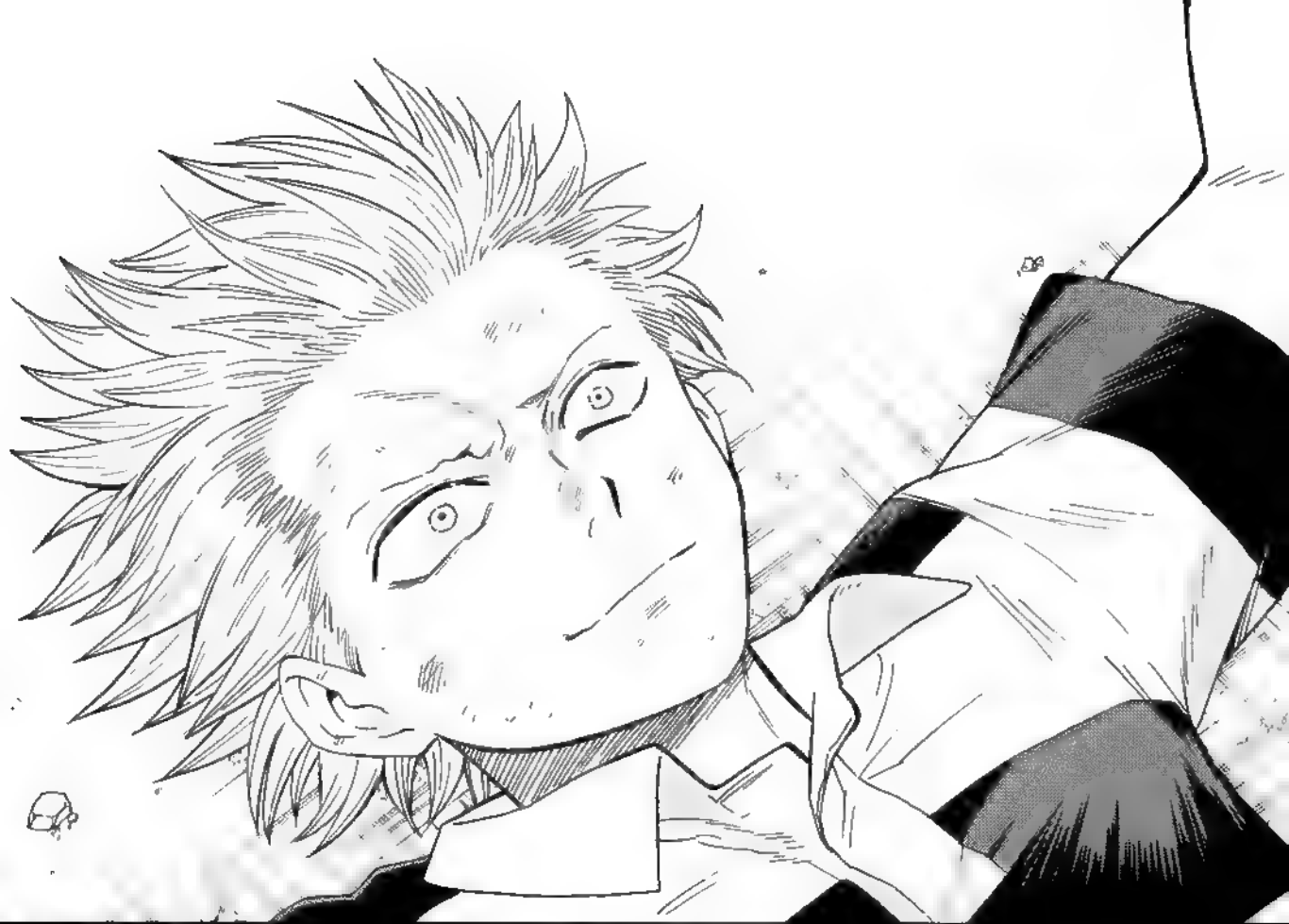
OLD MAN...
YOU CAN'T
SERIOUSLY
BE...



THAT'S
RIGHT.....









...I'VE
NEVER
ONCE LOST
A FIGHT.

BUT HERE
IN THE
DEMON
WORLD...



LET ME
MAKE ONE
THING
CLEAR...



...WHICH
THE
STRONG
NEVER
NEED.

THESE ARE
JUST THE
SURVIVAL
SKILLS OF
THE WEAK...



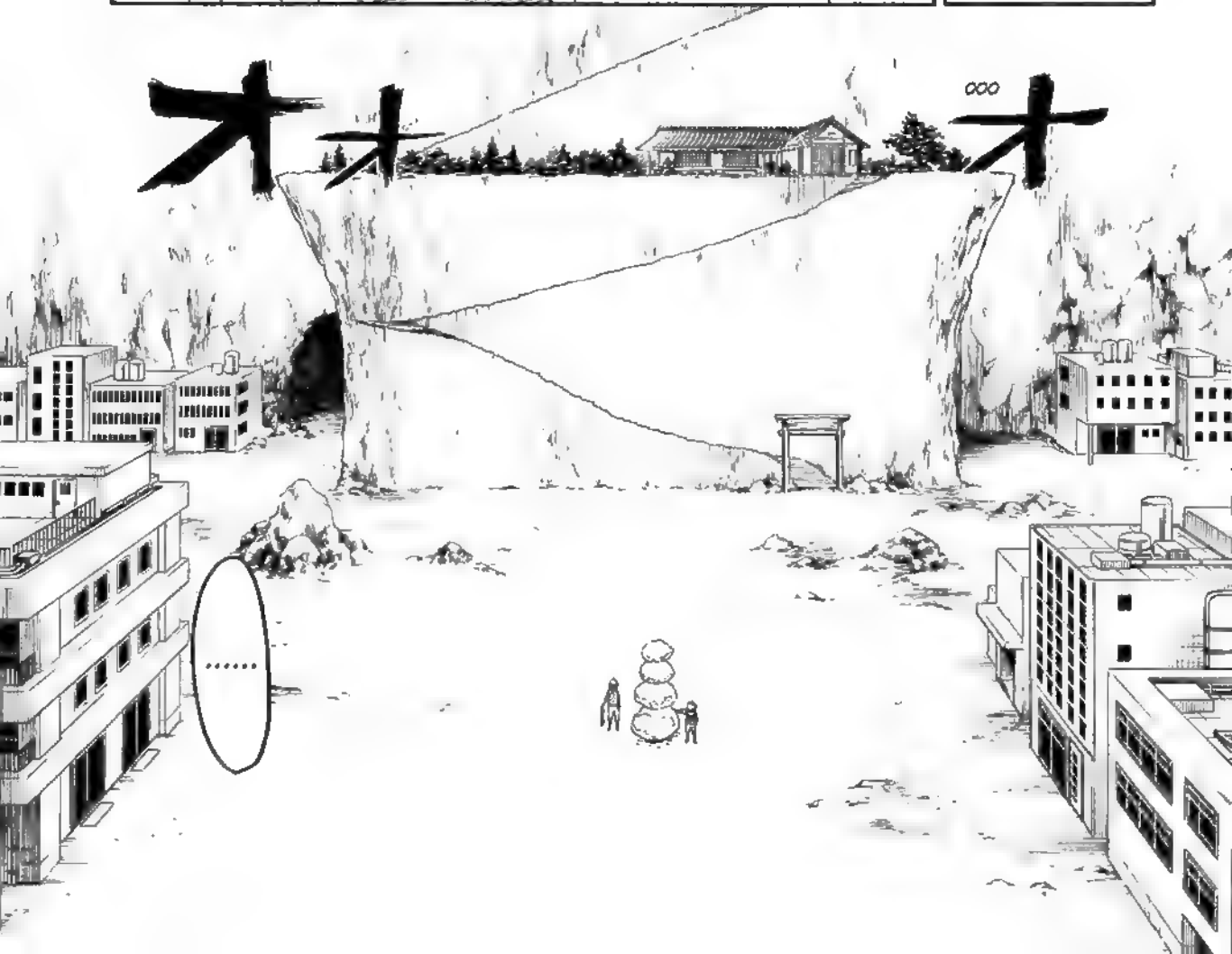
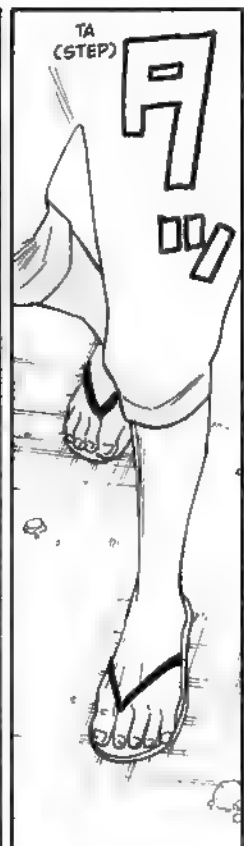
THE
RESULTS OF
COUNTLESS
DAYS OF
TRAINING...



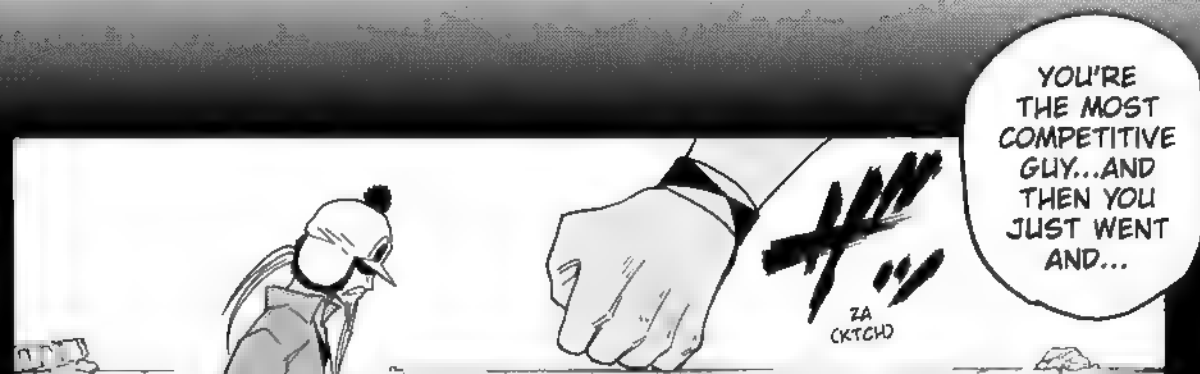
ZUN
(BOOM)

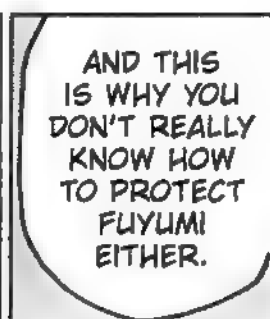
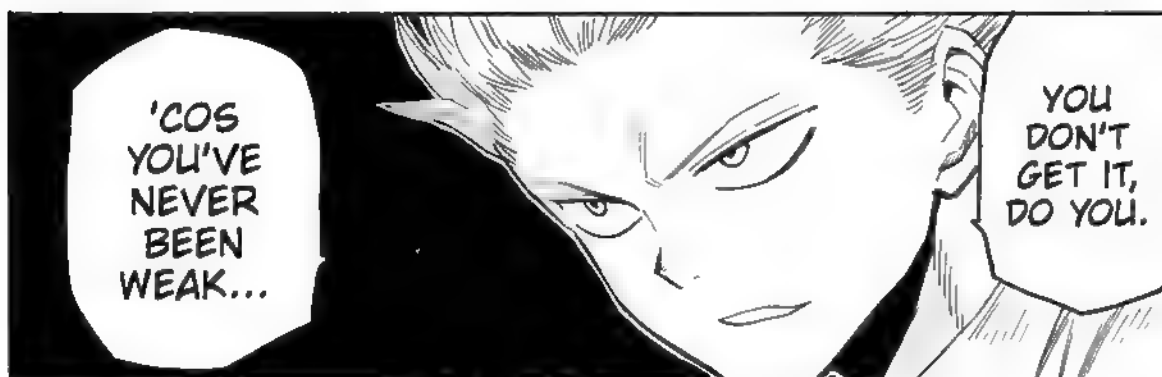


I'M NOT
STRONG.







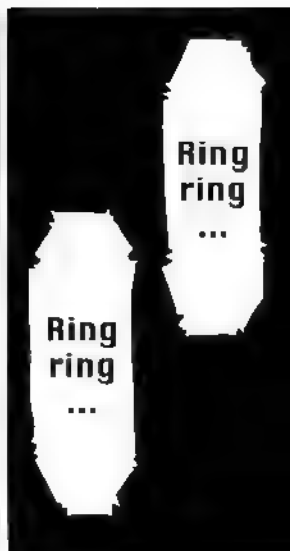




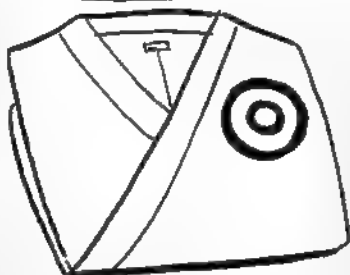






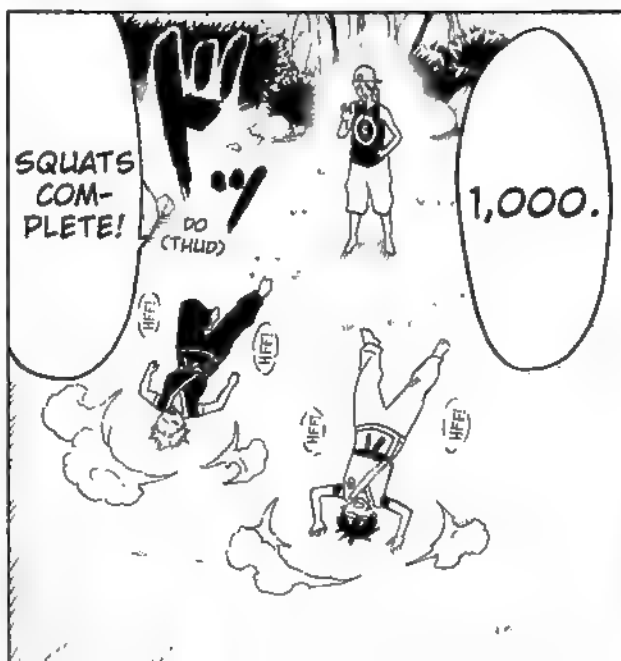


DOUGI



A MYSTERIOUS SET OF CLOTHING THAT FOCUSES THE WEARER'S FEELINGS. NO MATTER WHAT SORT OF RIDICULOUS THING YOU'RE TOLD TO DO, WEARING THESE YOU'LL SAY, "BRING IT ON!"

BLOOD LAD







EVERYONE'S
DRESSED
AND READY...

ALL
RIGHT,
THEN.

BESIDES,
THE GUY
SAID IT WAS
TRAINING,
BUT...



ALLOW ME
TO EXPLAIN
THE RULES
OF YOUR
TRAINING.

FIRST
ONE THING
...

SO, WE'LL
BEGIN WITH
TRAINING FOR
STAZ AND WOLF.
HOWEVER...



...WAIT A
SECOND,
OLD MAN.

RULE
NUMBER
ONE: NO
VIOLENCE.

FOR THE
DURATION
OF YOUR
TRAINING,
YOU MUST
NEVER RAISE
YOUR HAND
AGAINST
ANOTHER,
NO MATTER
WHAT.

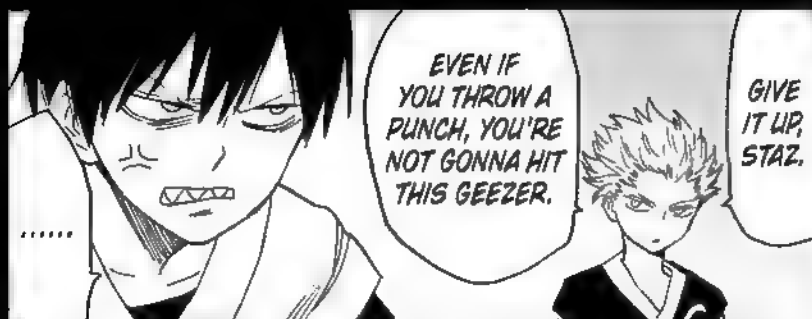
YES...
SO—

...
RULES?



RYUUKO RANBU: A BADASS SPECIAL MOVE FROM THE ART OF FIGHTING GAMES.





EVEN IF
YOU THROW A
PUNCH, YOU'RE
NOT GONNA HIT
THIS GEEZER.

GIVE
IT UP,
STAZ.



I
DON'T
THINK
...

OH,
OH.

NO
VIOLENCE,
NOW.



ALL YOU
HAVE TO
DO IS
BECOME
ME.



OH
HO
HO.

THEN
WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO?

WHY, IT'S
SIMPLE.



JUST ONE
STRIKE
FROM AN
OPPONENT
IS A
MORTAL
BLOW...

THAT
IS THE
WORLD
OF THE
WEAK...



THAT
BLOW
I JUST
DEALT
YOU...

?

IF OUR
POSITIONS WERE
REVERSED,
UNLIKE YOU,
I'D BE FEELING
IT RIGHT NOW,
QUITE A BIT.



DISCERN
WHERE THEY
WILL STRIKE
AND WITH
HOW MUCH
FORCE...!

SHARPEN
YOUR
SENSES AND
READ YOUR
OPPONENT'S
ATTACKS.



AND UNTIL
YOU CAN DO
THAT, YOU'LL
HAVE TO
ENDURE THE
BLOWS.



HUFF...

HUFF...

HUFF...



YOU
HAVE NO
CHOICE
BUT TO
DODGE
...

...IF YOU
WANT TO
LIVE.



YOU'VE
TAKEN
THE SAME
NUMBER
OF HITS
AS ME!

WHAT,
YOU'RE
KEEPING
COUNT?



YOU'RE
TAKIN'
TOO
MUCH.

WOW,
YOU
LOOK
AWFUL.

SHUT IT...
I JUST
DON'T
HEAL AS
FAST AS
YOU!

GAKU
GAKU
(TREMBLE)



...
YEAH
...

I...
THOUGHT
SO TOO.



BUT IF
IT REALLY
WORKS, I
WOULDN'T
MIND HAVING
THAT SKILL,
MYSELF...



I THOUGHT
STAZ WAS THE
TYPE WHO
HATES PRACTICE
AND DISCIPLINE
AND STUFF
MORE THAN
ANYTHING, BUT
THERE HE IS...

THAT'S
A SUR-
PRISE,
THOUGH.

FLUYUMI.





SIGN: WIND FOREST FIRE MOUNTAIN











BABAAAN
(CRASHING)

ZUN
(STOMP)

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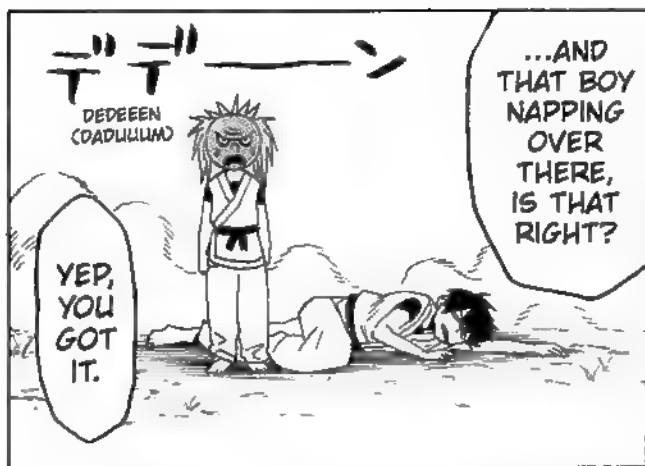
KILL

HFF
...

HFF
...

EXCUSE
ME!



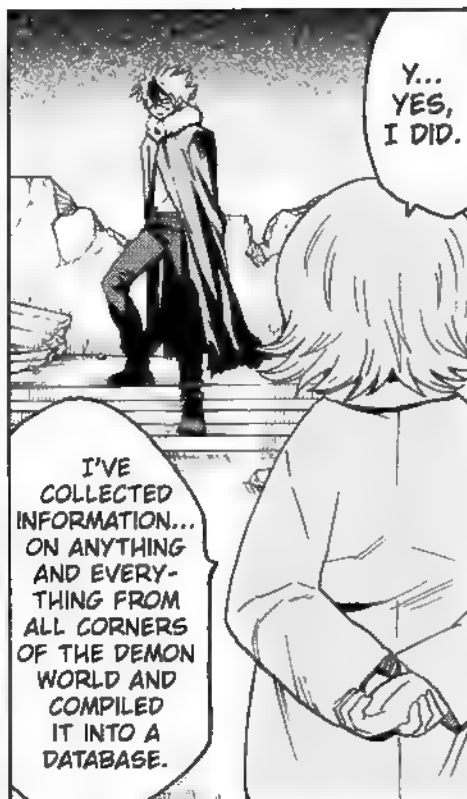


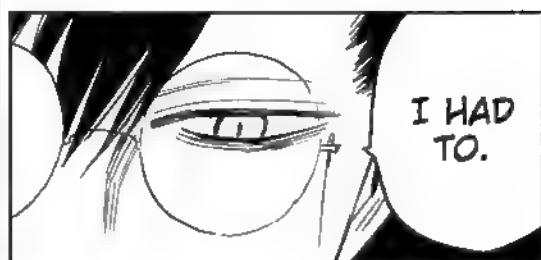


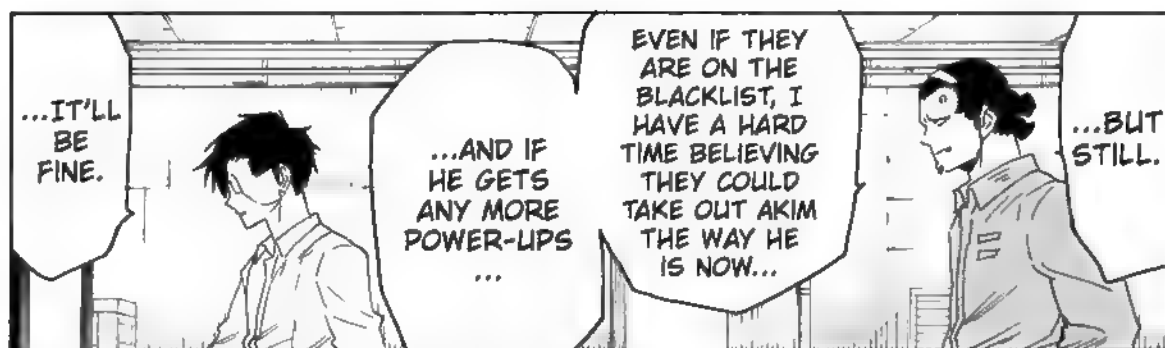
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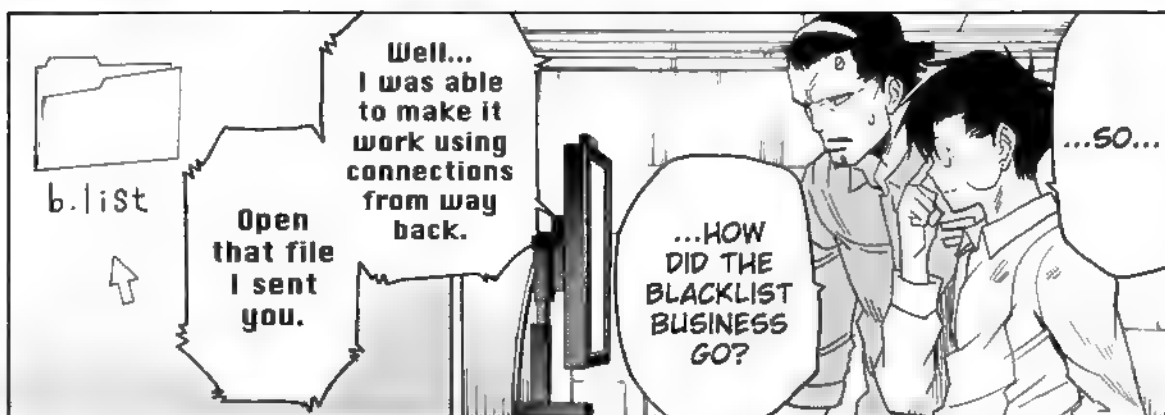


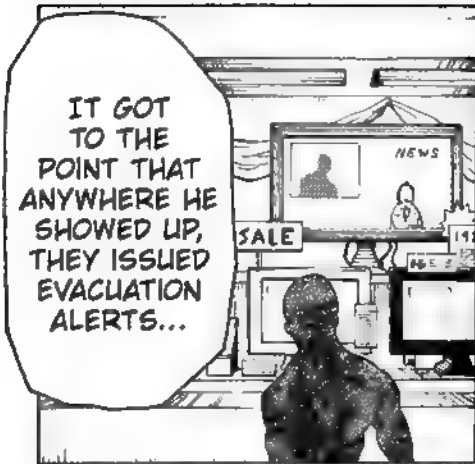








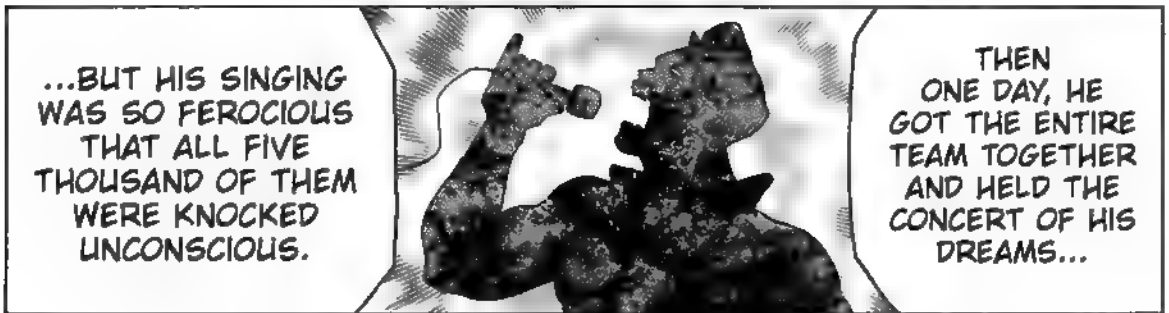






**"WAKE ME
UP WHEN
THERE'S
SOMEBODY
WHO CAN
KILL ME."**

**THAT'S
WHAT
STEEL EVIL
JACK SAID
BEFORE
HE WALKED
WILLINGLY
INTO
PRISON.**





GO
(CRUMBLE)

"BUT
SOMEDAY
I'LL SING MY
HEART OUT
IN FRONT OF
EVERYONE—
THAT'S MY
DREAM."

AAAH!

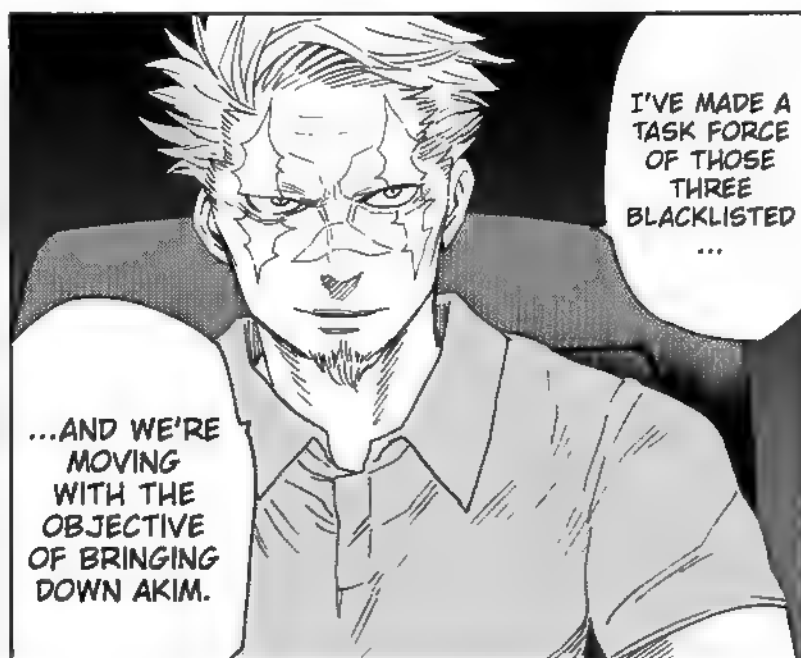
THAT'S WHAT
SHTEYN☆DOJI
SAID—
AND EVEN
NOW, HE'S
PRACTICING.





"I CAN
HEAR IT...
THE VOICE
OF THE
FOREST..."

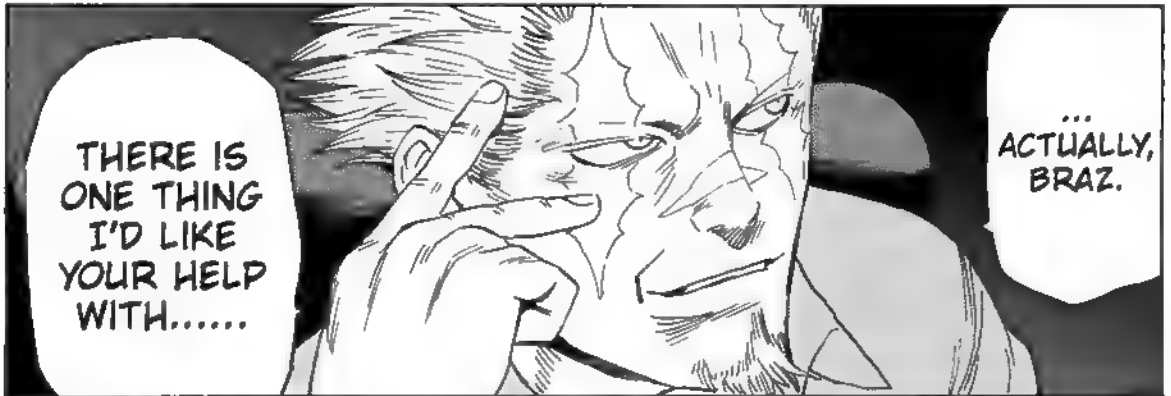
SO SAID
ELFORESS
MIST WITH
A SOLITARY
SMILE.



DON
(BOOM)

...WEL-
COME...
TO
HYDRA...





UNIDENTIFIED TENGU



A MYSTERIOUS TENGU
THAT SUDDENLY
APPEARED. ITS TRUE
IDENTITY IS HIDDEN.
IF IT FINDS YOU,
IT'LL BEAT YOU UP.

BLOOD LAD

Living in the Demon World



HIS NAME IS WHITE STEP.



AND THE ELDERLY MAN WHO SUBDUED HIM.



AGAIN WE MEET PATI, WHO TRANSFORMED LAST TIME INTO A RAMPAGING BEAST.

...IN THE HINTERLANDS OF THE DEMON WORLD.

COME ON NOW, GET UP.

HE'S BEEN LIVING WITH PATI...



NO SUPPER FOR YOU.

YES, MASTER.

TO DO THAT, FIRST YOU MUST TRIUMPH OVER YOURSELF.

YOU WANT TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE, DON'T YOU?

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO LEARN TO CONTROL THAT POWER OF YOURS?

HONESTLY ...



I'M SORRY, MASTER ...

...MAY I, MASTER!?

YOU WANT SOMETHING TO EAT...?

...YES, MASTER.

HUNGRY, ARE YOU?



HE'S THERE
TO STOP PATI'S
TERRIBLE
TRANSFOR-
MATION.

BUT HE IS
CRUEL TO
BE KIND.



IF YOU CAN'T
EVEN MASTER
AN EMPTY
STOMACH,
THERE'S NO
WAY YOU'LL
BE ABLE
TO MASTER
YOURSELF.

NOW, WHY
WOULD I
LET YOU
HAVE
SOMETHING
TO EAT?

N
O
O
O
O
O
!!



THEY
HAVE
ONLY
ONE
THING IN
COMMON:

THEY'RE
NOT
RELATED
AT ALL, IN
ANY WAY.



HE IS
VERY
STRICT.

THEY'RE
BOTH OFF
THE DEMON
WORLD
GRID...



IN FACT,
THEY
WERE
TOTAL
STRANG-
ERS.



HE IS A
HUMAN.

...HE'S
GOT TO
LOOK
AFTER THE
OTHER...



WHEN ONE
MISFIT SEES
ANOTHER
MISFIT...

...AND
MAKE
THEIR WAY
LIVING
OFF THE
GRID.



...THE
WEAK
AVOID
TOWNS
AND
CITIES...



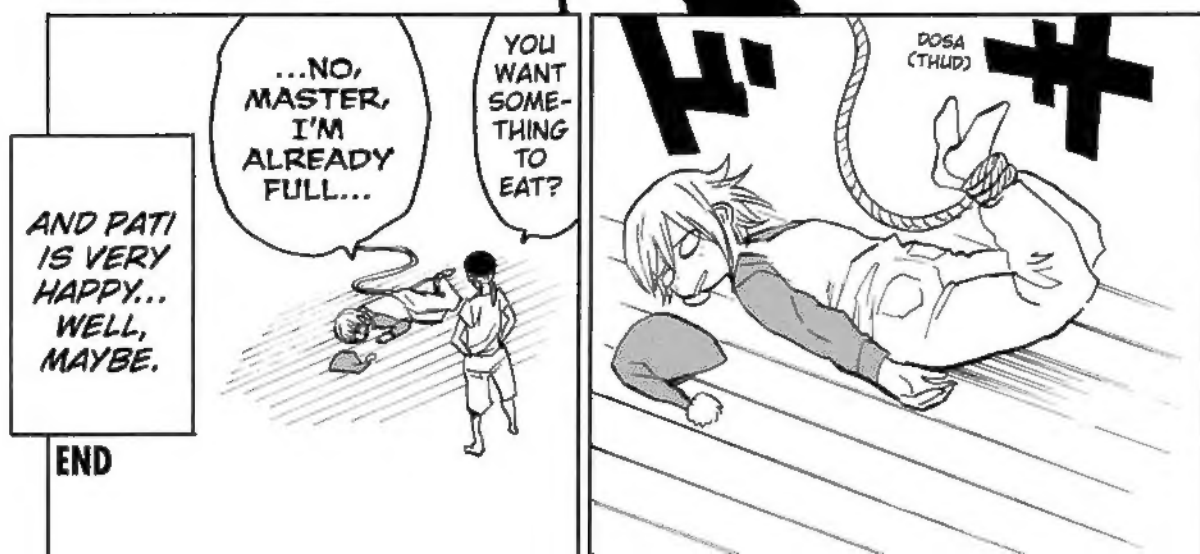
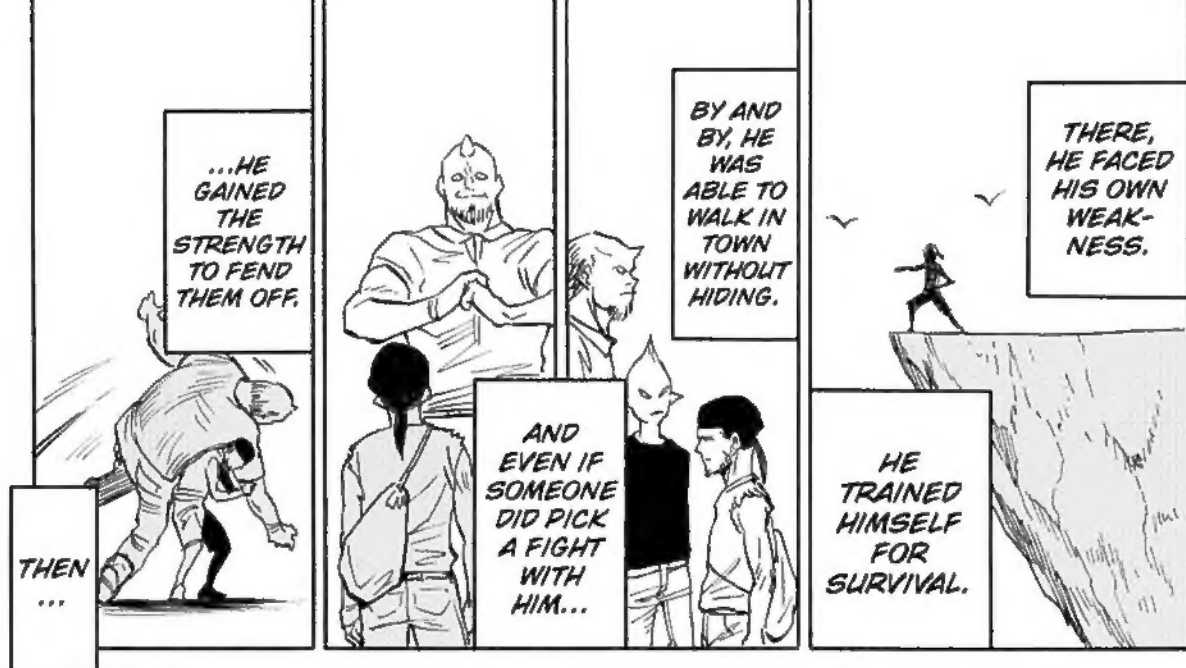
TO STAY
OUT OF
THE WAY
OF THE
STRONG
...



...AND
STAYED
ALIVE BY
KEEPING
HIMSELF
HIDDEN.

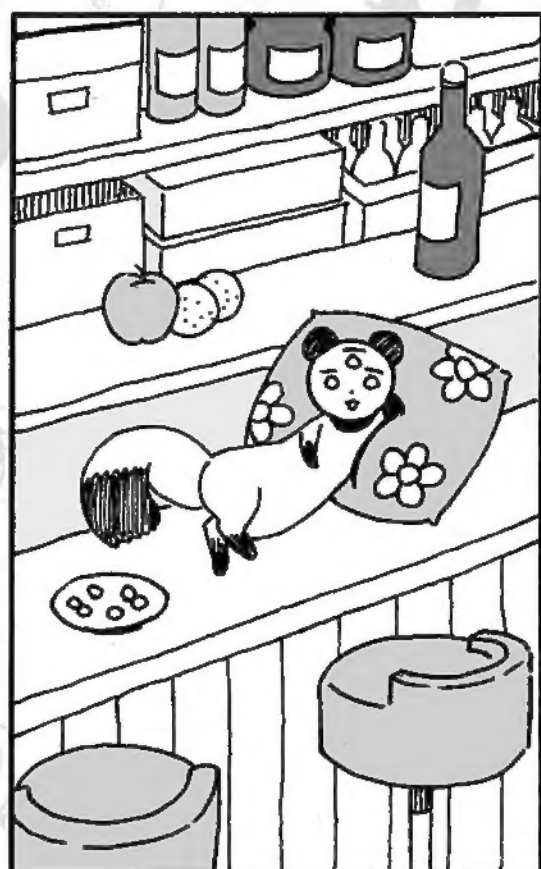
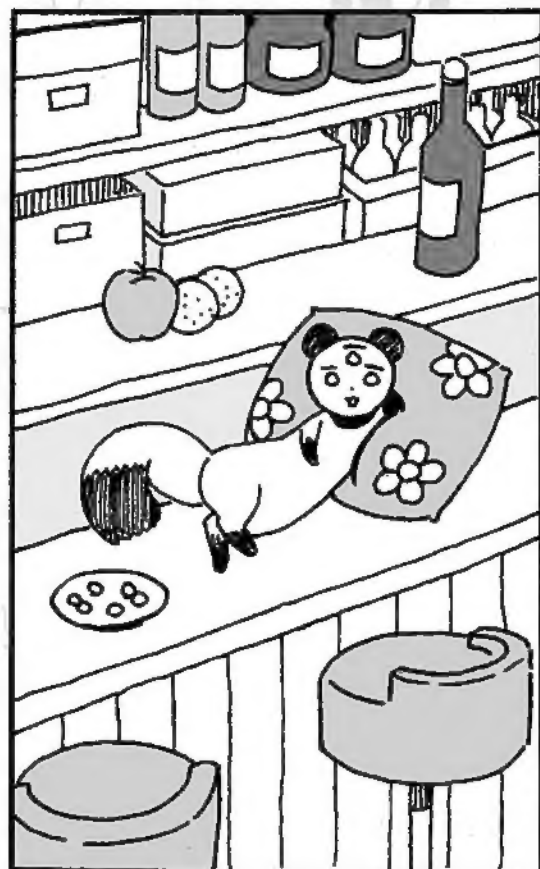


IN HIS
THIRTIES...
HE GOT
LOST AND
FELL INTO
THE DEMON
WORLD...



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WELL
ACTUALLY,
IT'S JUST THE
SAME PANEL
TWICE.

OH, HEY—
DID YOU THINK
THAT WAS
ONE OF THOSE
"FIND THE
DIFFERENCES"
PUZZLES?

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